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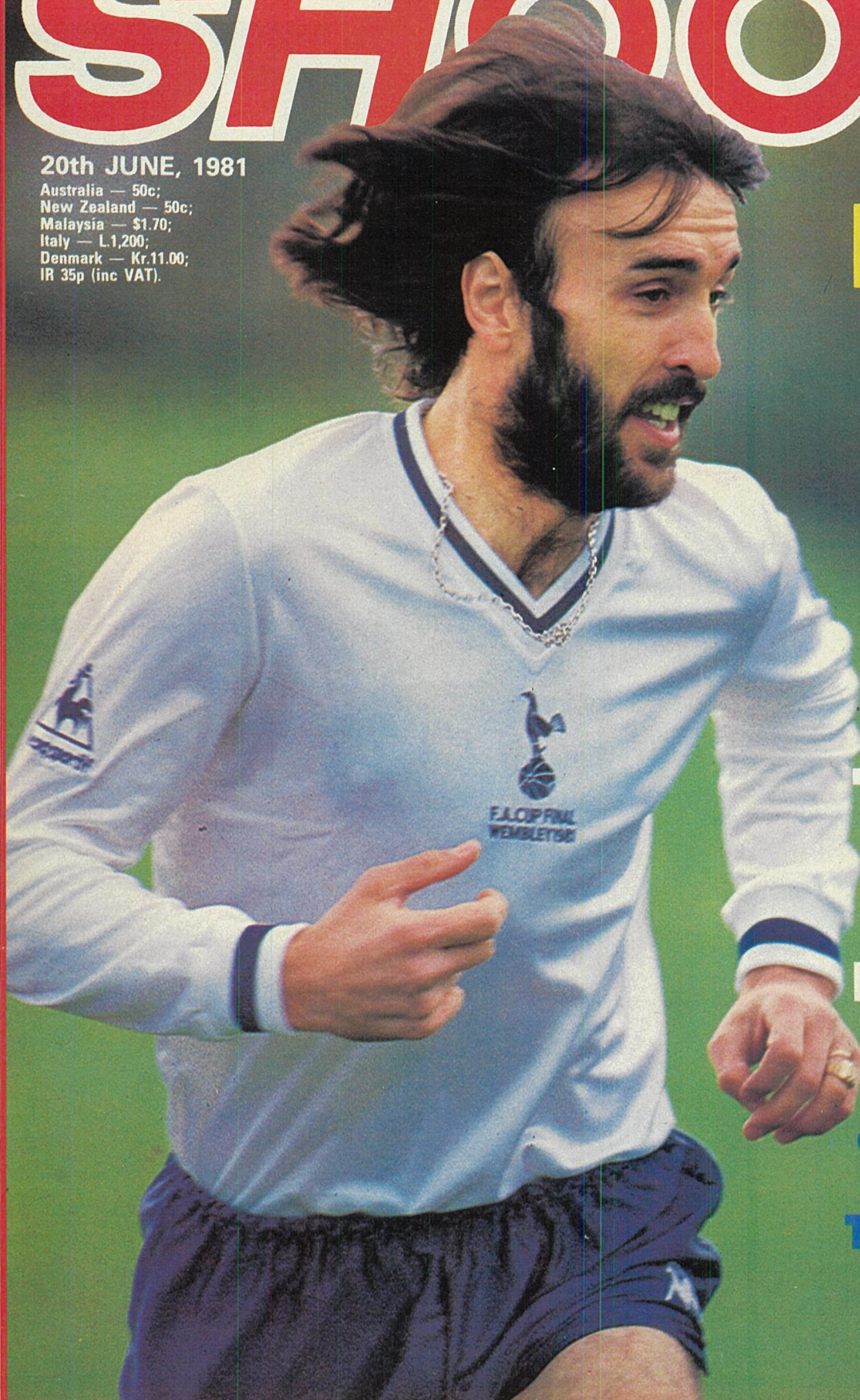
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Liverpool Champions of Europe**

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over for
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GLORY WITHOUT THRILLS

PHIL Thompson, his face awash with perspiration, drew breath to beam unashamedly: "We have now joined the immortals."

Liverpool had just defeated Real Madrid 1-0 in Paris to win the European Cup for the third time since 1977.

Liverpool defender Alan Kennedy, scorer of the game's only goal, was just as jubilant as his captain.

"I've achieved something that must be the dream of every footballer — to score the winning goal in the European Cup Final," he enthused.

Bob Paisley's more sober post-match verdict? "We have won the European Cup with better performances but there was a lot of close marking out there and it was difficult to get things going. It was a very hard game to win."

It was a very hard game to watch for anyone not wearing a Liverpool or Real scarf. In fact, it was a tedious bore until Alan Kennedy's surge destroyed Real's right flank late in an eminently forgettable match.

The last four European Cup Finals have been decided by a single goal in favour of an English club, Liverpool twice, Nottingham Forest twice.

SHOOT view!

All four games were decidedly boring, triumphs for club coaches well versed in how to stop an opposing team breaching their defences, but as dull as a budget speech for supporters not loyal to the clubs concerned.

Without wishing to criticise a remarkable achievement by Liverpool in beating the best in Europe, football followers surely deserve more of a spectacle for such a prestigious occasion.

Did Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen really have to exchange so many square passes in their half of the field?

One hoped that Hansen would lope forward in the fluent, exciting style of the great West German Franz Beckenbauer to put Real under pressure. It happened only rarely, yet there were times when 15 metres of turf lay between Hansen with the ball and a Real player.

Coaches will argue that Thompson and Hansen were splendid. They were, in defence.

The entire Liverpool performance satisfied the drawing-board planners, though Paisley agreed the match was not a classic.

Sadly, the average fan is beginning to believe he knows less and less about football as the game becomes more and more a game of animated chess.

That said, Liverpool did Britain proud. As Phil Thompson said, Liverpool have joined the 'immortals'. If only they had achieved it in the style expected of a European Cup Final.

Ricky Villa



Story of the Wembley goal-hero

"I've always had my ups and downs. One minute people praise me to the skies, but another time all they want to do is criticise."

"I suppose it's because I've always been a big-money player, and the fans have always expected me to do something special. But in football you just can't do something special match after match."

That was four years ago, when Ricardo Villa was still a big star at Racing, and had yet to cross the Atlantic to become Ricky Villa of Tottenham.

At that time, little did he know that the most spectacular up-and-down of his career would take place in two matches at London's Wembley Stadium.

For in five days, the sad, dejected figure who walked, shoulders drooping, to the dressing-rooms after being substituted, dramatically became the two-goal hero who clinched a thrilling Cup Final replay for Spurs.

In five days Villa the Vanquished had turned into Villa the Victorious.

While North London was still celebrating, SHOOT delved into the Argentine archives to trace the background to the 28-year-old midfielder's hectic career.

At home on the family's 100 acre ranch.

THERE's a place deep in Argentina where Villa's victory goal was greeted with as much jubilation as at Wembley itself. To get there, head North-West out of Buenos Aires and plunge into the pampas country, where the only two colours seem to be green and blue.

To a little town named Roque Perez — the home of Ricardo Julio Villa and his wife Cristina.

And if you can find your way along 15 miles of dirt tracks among the head-high greenery, you'll arrive at the Villa homestead, where Ricky's family owns 100 acres and rents another 1,000.

"Sometimes I used to drive the tractor, or look after the cattle, or repair fences. But more than anything I liked to ride horses or play football."

Two childhood shots of Ricky Villa.



Ricky's first team — Santiago Lerren. He is arrowed.

'As a kid I was big, fat and pretty useless'.

"As a kid, I used to play number five, because I was big, fat and pretty useless! But I played every day with my cousins, and when we were about 11 or 12 we all joined a team called Santiago Lerren, who played in the same blue-and-red stripes as San Lorenzo — the club my father and I always supported."

"I began to play number ten with them. The ground was 12 miles away, and I used to ride there. I went to school on horseback too. But studies always took second place to football..."

But despite his enthusiasm, it was to take Ricardo a good deal of effort and patience to find his way out of the footballing backwoods of Roque Perez, and into the forefront of the Argentine game. Huracan were the first club to

show interest, but the travelling would have been too much.

Then Atlanta showed Villa the door, saying he was "too fat and too slow".

And it wasn't till he'd just turned 17 (and had just started going out with Cristina) that his break came.

"It was a man from Quilmes. He asked me to lift up my trouser legs so he could look at my muscles. Then he just sort of muttered 'Big, strong and people say he's skilful... You could be the lad we want'."

"In 1970 I made my debut in Quilmes' youth team, and stayed there for four seasons."

But the young Villa wasn't an overnight success at Quilmes.

"I had trouble losing my old habits from Roque Perez, where ball skills are all-important."

"I preferred to mess around beating people, and it never occurred to me to try a shot at goal or a telling pass. I was a disaster. Nobody complained very much when the club sent me on loan to San Martin."

He prefers to forget his spell with San Martin, where he was sent-off twice, served a long suspension and returned to Quilmes having learnt very little.

All too soon he was on the move again. To Atletico Tucuman. And the turning point of his career.

In 1975 Villa rose meteorically to fame as Atletico produced better football than any other provincial

transfers between Argentine clubs.

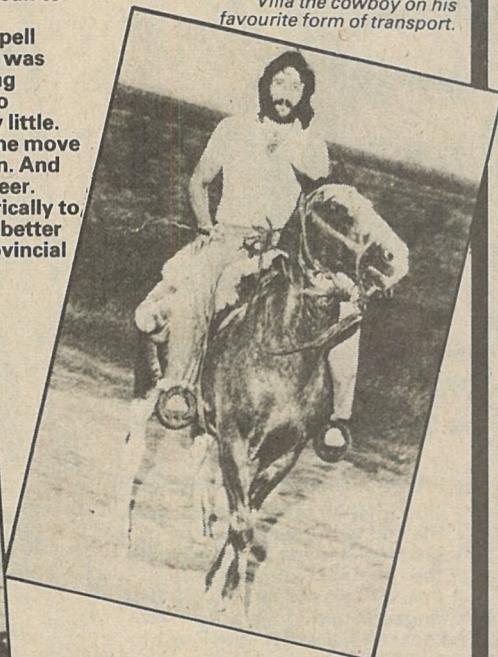
"I'm not worth *that* money," insisted Ricky at the time. "Maybe half the figure would be more realistic. But I'm keen to get away because the Atletico fans gave me a lot of stick when the team wasn't playing well."

"They seem to think the team is just me and ten others. I'm 24 now, and this is the right time to test myself in a big club against the country's top teams."

Overnight, Villa became headline news. On February 20th, 1977, he made his debut for Racing, and scored the winning goal against Chacarita Juniors. Menotti was watching from the main stand.

"Villa is a player who needs support and encouragement from the fans to gain confidence and really express himself. We did a lot of special work at the national team's pre-season training camp,

Villa the cowboy on his favourite form of transport.



February 20th 1977. Villa's debut for Racing. He hit the only goal of the game against Chacarita.



team, and went on to reach the final play-offs of the National Championship at the expense of highly-fancied Boca Juniors.

Equally importantly, Villa began to receive rave notices in the influential Buenos Aires Press, and Ricardo ended the season with the feeling that he was finally making it out of the backwoods.

In the event, Atletico had a mediocre campaign in 1976, failing to qualify for the final phase of the National Championship.

But Villa's personal reputation was enhanced when Menotti called him into the national squad. And then came the bombshell.

A new Argentine transfer record — £140,000.

Racing paid Atletico 7,000,000,000 pesos in a £140,000 deal that set a new record for

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and I feel he's now got more mobility and a lot more commitment — which is perhaps his weakest department. Technically there's no doubt that he's a phenomenal ball-player," said the Argentina supremo.

In fact, Villa made only 45 appearances for Racing, scoring six goals in the process. He was outstanding in a team bugged with all sorts of internal problems in a year when they finished dangerously low in the Metropolitan Championship table



Ricky and Cristina on their wedding day.

His wedding — and a possible transfer to the USA.

— though their fans were placated at the end of the season when Racing reached the Quarter-Finals of the National Championship.

But 1978 was to be the year that changed Ricardo Villa's life. First, he headed back to Roque Perez to marry Cristina after eight years of courtship.

And the Press laid siege to the newly-weds when it was announced that Racing were

transferring Ricardo to a Texan club for a million dollars.

The Villas packed their bags and got ready to move north to the USA. "I get 15 per cent of the fee, and that's not to be sneezed at. I don't think I've disappointed anyone at Racing, though it's difficult to forget a big price-tag, especially when the fans expect you to be the saviour of the club..."

Villa kept Maradona out of the 1978 World Cup squad.

But the deal fell through. Villa was one of the 40 names on Menotti's list of untransferable players, and that was that. And as the World Cup loomed nearer, Ricardo forgot the transfer

rumours and concentrated on playing well enough to be included in Menotti's final list of 22. He succeeded — at the expense of rival Number 10, Diego Maradona!

In the event, Villa made only two brief appearances in the Number 22 shirt during Argentina's triumphant run to the world title.

"Villa played a truly exceptional game against Poland," recalls Menotti. "I told him to get out there in the second-half and play his football, and he was sensational."

"He won everything in midfield, and gave Ardiles the extra bit of



"Menotti's advice was fundamental to my development as a player." The two are together during an Argentina national team training session in 1977 (left). Signing on the dotted line for Spurs watched by manager Keith Burkinshaw (above).

freedom that he needed. He didn't maintain the same level against Brazil, but the whole team's performance was disappointing that day."

Villa the Vanquished became Villa the Victorious.

Since then, Ricardo Villa hasn't pulled on the blue-and-white striped shirt of Argentina again.

Only days after Daniel Passarella had lifted the World Cup in triumph, he and Cristina said their tearful goodbyes in Roque Perez and headed for a totally different life at Tottenham — where, in three seasons, he's had his good and bad days.

As everybody back in Roque Perez will tell you, May 14th at Wembley was one of the good ones.



One of the greatest Wembley goals, as Ricky nets Spurs' F.A. Cup winner against Manchester City.



EXCLUSIVE

Clive Allen talks about the dramatic events of the past year and his recent transfer back to Q.P.R.



Playing for the England Under-21 side (right) and scoring for Q.P.R. against West Ham in his first spell at Loftus Road (inset).

I'M BACK at the Bush, almost a year after leaving Queens Park Rangers for over £1 million.

Looking back over the last 12 months I still can't believe all that's happened to me in such a short time. I've experienced more shocks and surprises than most people go through in a lifetime.

Signing for Arsenal then on to Crystal Palace in a swap for Kenny Sansom before I even played a League game for The Gunners. Now I've returned to the club where it all began, for £400,000.

That's good business for Rangers. A cool £800,000 profit in less than a year... a real bargain in cash terms, especially if I produce the form which enabled me to score 30 goals for the club in 1979-80.

Although I haven't played much football, this past season hasn't exactly been one long holiday. It's been a nightmare.

Unfortunately, mum and dad suffered when things boiled over and I let off steam at home. They bore the brunt of my frustrations.

But they've been involved with football all their lives so they understood what I was going through, especially dad. He had several bitter experiences in the game, both as a player and manager.

ables at Crystal Palace, but after he left, the club was always in turmoil and I never had the chance to settle down.

With so many managerial changes and boardroom battles I was in a state of limbo. I never knew where I was.

When I was made the scapegoat for other people's mistakes I decided to get away as fast as I could. I asked the new manager Dario Gradi for a transfer and he agreed a move would be in the best interests of both parties.

For weeks the Press was full of rumour and gossip. West Brom, Birmingham and Leeds were all reported to be considering offers, but as far as I know the only definite interest came from West Ham.

But I heard nothing until the morning of my 20th birthday, Wednesday May 20th, when the phone rang. It was Palace chairman Ron Noades to inform me he had agreed a fee with Q.P.R. and would I go to Shepherds Bush to meet Terry Venables.

I couldn't have wished for a better birthday present.

The deal was completed on the Monday morning, May 25th after my medical.

'I was ready to quit England'



Some of the Palace players were pleased to see me go. I didn't have many mates there.

Obviously I was delighted to be rejoining Terry Venables.

As an ex-pro, Terry understands what makes players tick and treats them as adults and individuals. He enjoys a laugh and a joke with the lads, but will clamp down if anyone steps out of line.

He's already given me a mild rebuke. I was planning to get engaged to my girlfriend Lisa on July 24th, the day Rangers are due to leave on a pre-season tour.

Uncertain

I asked Terry if I could join the team a couple of days later but he told me in no uncertain terms that I was going on the 24th.

So, I'm now getting engaged a week earlier, on July 18th.

Although I'm no stranger to Q.P.R. fans, there's been so many changes at Loftus Road it's like joining a new club.

The playing and coaching staff has completely changed since I was there a year ago.

Terry Venables hasn't put any pressure on me, though. He simply said: 'I'm glad to have you back. I'm not demanding you score 30 goals next season. You're part of the team. All I ask is 100 per cent effort in helping us get back in the First Division.'

That's my number one priority, too. After the worst year of my life it's great to be back home!

It even got to the stage when I was prepared to listen to offers from abroad... make a clean break and start again with a foreign club.

I believe there was one inquiry from Benfica, but that's as far as it went.

But I put all thoughts about going to Benfica, or anywhere else on the Continent, behind me when Ron Greenwood selected me for his Under-21 squad.

If I was good enough for England I realised I still had a future in the game here. Mr Greenwood restored some of the pride and confidence lost at Highbury and Selhurst Park.

There's no way I could have foreseen any of what's happened to me.

My career at Arsenal was over before it began. After a few pre-season friendlies Terry Neill decided I wouldn't fit in with his future plans.

I was happy to join Terry Ven-

Harper's reward

ABERDEEN'S Joe Harper is about to abdicate as "King of Pittodrie". The club have agreed to let the international go, but as a reward for his services will keep him on contract until he finds a new club. Harper, who had two spells with Aberdeen, is determined to continue his career in football and could interest another Scottish club as player coach.

Aberdeen have also released their 30-year-old Belgian goalkeeper Marc De Clerck after one season.

Wolves star has 'no future' at Molineux

WOLVES' defender or midfielder, Colin Brazier has turned down the offer of a new two-year contract with the Molineux men and wants to leave.

He says: "I have had only 60 odd games in five years and feel there is no future for me. My contract is up and I am willing to listen to offers."

Twenty-four-year-old Brazier is a skilled central defender who is also at home as a play-making midfield man.

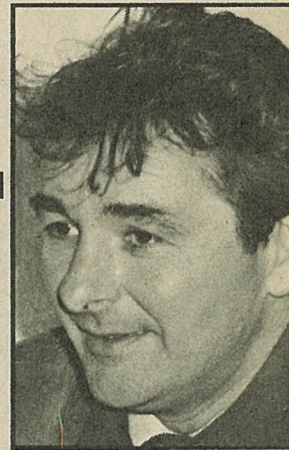


TOMMY Docherty or Brian Clough were the overwhelming choice of Manchester United's fans to succeed the deposed Dave Sexton.

They came top of the poll in an unofficial survey conducted by a local radio station.

Docherty, sacked by United four years ago and now managing a club in Australia, was the most popular successor, according to thousands of Old Trafford supporters who responded.

'We want The Doc or Cloughie' urge United's fans



And typically Docherty admits he is not surprised.

"I am the best man for the job," he says confidently. "But I am afraid the directors at Old Trafford would never have me back."

Docherty polled 33 per cent of the votes. Brian Clough came second with 30 per cent, with Bobby Robson, the Ipswich boss, nine per cent, Ron Atkinson, the man who now seems destined to get the United job, polled only three per cent among the club's success-hungry fans.

A few votes were cast also for Denis Law, BBC Radio's football commentator, and Malcolm Allison.

Tommy Docherty reckons Lawrie McMenemy made a "big mistake" in declining United's invitation to leave Southampton.

"After me, Lawrie is the next best man for the job. He must be out of his mind turning United down," he said.

"It's the biggest and best job in football. United are the greatest club in the world."

'LAZY' HAWLEY'S LAST CHANCE

AWARE that mere survival in the First Division will not satisfy the appetites of their frustrated fans, Sunderland will be taking steps during the summer to strengthen their squad.

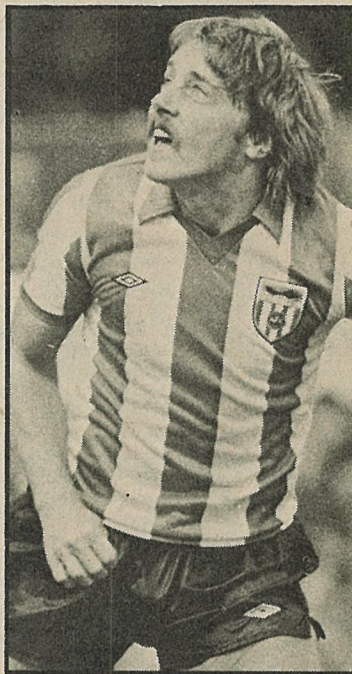
One player who could well find himself surplus to requirements is striker John Hawley, who began last season in glorious style with four goals in the first two matches including a hat-trick against Manchester City at Maine Road.

Hawley was unlucky to suffer injury when things were going reasonably well and towards the end of the season he struggled to keep his place with the arrival of Tom Ritchie from Bristol City, and the rivalry from fellow strikers Alan Brown and John Cooke.

The burly striker who previously played for Hull City and Leeds United got a rocket from Sunderland's then assistant manager Frank Clark, who accused him of being "lazy" and this can't have helped in relationships.

Clark said: "John and I came to an agreement — an understanding if you like. We decided that I would work him harder than anyone else at the club, because there is no doubt he has been lazy in the past."

"I believe he is the sort of player who will benefit from extra work. He certainly needs it, and as far as I'm concerned John Hawley has never given more than about 80 per cent and therefore failed to live up to his potential."



WALSALL keeper Ron Green still wants away despite the fact that his club staged a recovery to beat the drop to the Fourth Division.

In their first season after promotion, The Saddlers struggled and Green can see no way that things are going to improve for the Fellows Park outfit. He wants to join a club with more ambition.

PADDY MULLIGAN could be back in Ireland next season. Paddy, at present assistant manager with Greek club Panathiniakos, says that he is lonely out there. And the fact that he cannot speak the language does not help.



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BILL DAY

PAUL IVEY, a 20-year-old London-born striker who forced his way into Birmingham's First Division side last season, nearly threw in his lot with Chelsea.

But he moved on to Birmingham in June, 1977, and signed professional in December the following year.

He got first team recognition when coming on as substitute against Leeds on Easter Monday.

BRIGHT young Luton boss David Pleat has accepted a new long-term contract. It is believed he is now tied to the club until the mid-1980's. The 36-year-old former Hatters winger was pitchforked into the hot seat at Kenilworth Road in January, 1978 and has twice seen his team narrowly miss promotion.

BIG MAL GOES IRISH

IRISH LEAGUE club Coleraine have offered Malcolm Allison a £1,000 a week coaching appointment for a two-week spell before the start of next season.

And big Mal has accepted the Bannside's attractive offer, providing, of course, he is not holding down a permanent coaching or managerial post. North Belfast outfit Crusaders have got in on the act, too, and are hoping to employ the flamboyant Allison for a similar short-term period.

Briefly...

● Oldham fans reckon the club has made a serious mistake in giving a free transfer to long serving defender Ronnie Blair.

● Threave Rovers, the South of Scotland League club, have rounded off their best season in years by winning four trophies — the Haig Gordon Memorial Trophy, the Potts Cup, the Southern League Challenge Cup and the South League Cup.

● The death occurred recently of former West Ham and Eire international Tommy Moroney. Tommy, who

finished his career in his native Cork with Evergreen United, was a member of the Eire side that beat England in that historic game at Goodison Park in September, 1949 — England's first defeat on home soil by a 'foreign' team.

● If Stirling Albion are to fight their way back to the Scottish First Division next season the top priority must be a couple of consistent strikers. Last season they scored only 18 goals in the 39 game League programme. The inability to find the net resulted in their drop to the Second Division.

● Dundalk captain Dermot Keely gave away his FAI Cup medal to his

father Peter. It was Dermot's third Cup medal, while his father's only Cup Final appearance was in the Shelbourne side that lost to Dundalk in 1948.

● The F.A. have agreed to pay for Ray Ranson's dental repairs. Ray, the Manchester City defender, lost two front teeth playing for England Under-21 against Rumania at Swindon. "They'll foot the bill," he says.

● Manager Jim Iley's retained list shows confidence in the Bury players. All 13 regulars are kept on the books, although centre-half Alan Whitehead has said he will not play again for the Fourth Division club.

GO.GO.GO...

BERWICK RANGERS' manager Frank Connor has given free transfers to seven members of his 30-strong playing staff following the club's relegation to the Scottish Second Division. The "frees" include defender Jim Deakin, former Hibs centre-half Rikki Fleming, and former Scottish international goalkeeper Ernie McGarr.

MIDDLESBROUGH, a club with a good youth policy, could have another three winners on the way. Michael Condon, Stuart McPhee and Stephen Bell, the latest apprentice professionals, were in the Middlesbrough side that won the English Schools' Trophy last year.

SHOOT/SODASTREAM COMPETITION RESULT

IN OUR Sodastream Competition in March we offered you the chance to meet super striker Justin Fashanu. All readers who correctly answered the six questions about Justin's career were then judged on their tie breakers.

Each wins two fantastic footballing days — meeting Justin Fashanu, attending a V.I.P. 'Meet the Stars' reception and best available seats at this year's F.A. Charity Shield match at Wembley.

The 15 runners-up win a Sodastream 101 Deluxe home fizzy drink maker.

First Prizewinners:

Diane Busfield, West Bridgford, Nottingham.
Shaun Jefferies, Knowle, Bristol.
Richard Semple, Uxbridge, Middlesex.
Craig Trow, Preswath, Manchester.

Runners-up:

Graham Blackwell, Leicester. Jim Burgess, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Hugh Cardiff, Dundrum, Dublin 16. Padraig Casey, Macroom, Co. Cork, Ireland. Stuart Cook, Norwich, Norfolk. S. M. Cooper, Marton, N. Middlesbrough. R. M. Coventry, Chaldon, Caterham, R. Heard, Bridgewater, Somerset. Philip Hickmott, Herne Bay, Kent. Alistair Janusch, Oakley Green, N. Windsor, Berks. Mark Nolloth, Lowestoft, Suffolk. Timothy Petrides, Forest Hill, London SE23. Tony Scott, Workington, Cumbria. John Shilton, Warwickshire. Thomas Tonner, Glasgow, Scotland.



IT'S ALL SMILES now for Davie McKinnon after Partick Thistle beat Celtic 1-0 to win the Glasgow Cup. But Davie, Thistle's full-back, wondered whether he would ever play League football again when he had a kidney removed last year. Fortunately the Firhill star battled hard to regain full fitness — and has been handsomely rewarded for his efforts.

ROTHMANS Six-a-Side tournament, held in conjunction with the British Army on the Rhine, was won by the 16th Signals Regiment.

Geddis set to quit Villa

ASTON VILLA striker Dave Geddis will be giving his future a lot of thought this summer. For, despite being part of the set up which brought the title to Villa Park, he is far from happy with his position with the Champions.

Geddis, a £330,000 buy from Ipswich two years ago, is very much an understudy to the top striking pair of Peter Withe and Gary Shaw.

When he was drafted in to the side during the surge for the title, Geddis did well and scored some vital goals, including the winner in a tense tussle with Southampton.

But he still hasn't been accepted by the fans, and he moaned: "The crowd had given me stick earlier in that game and even when I scored I felt strange."

Now Geddis is deciding what the best move for him would be and he said: "I have been seeing manager Ron Saunders regularly to discuss the situation."

City's Dutchman

ONE new face expected at Birmingham City next season is that of 23-year-old Dutchman, Toine van Mierlo.

Birmingham manager Jim Smith is to pay £175,000 for the Dutch international.

Mierlo, a schoolteacher, is looking forward to playing in England and following in the footsteps of Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren.

He said: "I've only been playing in front of crowds of about 4,000 playing for Willem 11."

Family scheme to fight violence



Watford assistant manager Bertie Mee.

THE new Football Family of the Year 1981 competition aims to contribute to football public relations by promoting family and community involvement in the sport. The competition is sponsored by Puma in association with Pontins Holidays and British Rail.

The concept of the Football Family of the Year competition came from two men, the Rev. Brian Brown and Mr. Harvey Thomas, who, with Bertie Mee of Watford F.C., were searching for a way to demonstrate that the activities of the hooligan minority in football do not represent a true picture of the sport.

Families of two adults and two juniors under 16 may enter the nationwide competition to find the Football Family of the Year, and entry forms have been sent to all Football League clubs.

Each individual family member is asked to raise sponsorship pledges for points gained in the contest which appears on each entry form.

The contest involves teamwork, skill, knowledge, commitment to and involvement in soccer. The sponsorship money raised by the competition will be donated to the Disabled Sports Foundation.

Support schemes to improve facilities for handicapped spectators at League soccer grounds will also benefit from the competition.

A national final will be held as part of Pontins Youth Football Coaching Week at Pontins Tower Beach Holiday Village at Prestatyn, North Wales, from 1-8 August, 1981. The Football Family of the Year will be the family who achieves the highest score in the contest, which has been devised by Bertie Mee and Tony Gubba of BBC Television.

The Puma Football Family of the Year Trophy, plus £300 in cash, and a one week Pontin's Winter Holiday will go to the winning family.

Other prizes include £200 cash plus a £100 Pontins Holiday Vouchers will be awarded.

Puma Promotions Manager, Derek Ibbotson said "The majority of soccer fans are responsible members of the public and hooliganism at football matches is harmful to the sport which is enjoyed by so many families throughout the country. It is our hope that the competition will help to improve the public's attitude towards the sport and, in turn, reduce the unnecessary violence which is seen so often on the terraces, and which also has repercussions outside the sport."

"MEMBERS OF THE JURY, Tottenham allege that my colleague Gerry Gow was guilty of common assault on their players in North London on Saturday, 9th May, and again on Thursday, 14th May. You may feel, members of the jury, that the said Tottenham are exaggerating. It is my submission that Mr Gow is a highly reputable member of the Manchester City team and would not harm a fly..." Paul Power QC, alias Manchester City captain.



HOW! Glyn Snodin, alias Geronimo, was a big hit at Doncaster Rovers' end of season fancy dress party.

Fantastic Robbo

MICK ROBINSON was singled out for praise by manager Alan Mullery after Brighton had managed to avoid relegation by winning the last four games of the season.

Mullery said: "Mick has done ever so well. Look at his record — he's got 22 goals and we were near the bottom of the League. That's fantastic."

"We knew he had a lot of enthusiasm for the game, but he has had this problem at Preston and Manchester City where he hasn't been a regular goalscorer."

"When I bought him, he asked me how I wanted him to play. I told him: 'There's only one place I want you to play and that's in the box scoring goals.'"

"Some of those goals were magnificent and I have nothing but praise for the boy. He's been our player of the season and that's why the supporters chose him as their top player."

TOTTENHAM'S F.A. Cup star Steve Archibald ended the 1980-81 season in real winning style — by collecting the coveted Daily Express/Adidas Golden Shoe award.

The trophy, for the Football League's top striker, was presented by Great Britain's former Olympic athlete John Boulter at a special luncheon in London recently.

"What a fabulous climax to the season," says Steve. "An F.A. Cup winners medal and now this."

"When I left Aberdeen last summer I told a pal I would be the First Division's top scorer, but I never dreamed it would have happened so soon."

"I'd expected to spend my first season settling in at White Hart Lane and would have been delighted to have scored 20 goals."

"The fact I managed to total 25 in League and Cup was a real bonus. Now I'm aiming to top that and win the Golden Shoe again."

Other award winners, who also received a Golden Shoe and cheque for £100, were:



Archibald on target for Spurs v Coventry.

SECOND DIVISION — David Cross (West Ham — 27 goals).

THIRD DIVISION — Tony Kellow (Exeter City — 32 goals).

FOURTH DIVISION — Robbie Cooke (Peterborough United — 29 goals).

PREVIOUS GOLDEN SHOE WINNERS

1978

First Division
Bob Latchford (Everton)
Second Division
Bob Hatton (Blackpool)
Third Division
Alex Bruce (Preston)
Fourth Division
Steve Phillips (Brentford)

1979

First Division
Frank Worthington (Bolton)
Second Division
Bryan Robson (West Ham)
Third Division
Ross Jenkins (Watford)
Fourth Division
John Dungworth (Aldershot)

1980

First Division
Phil Boyer (Southampton)
Second Division
Clive Allen (Q.P.R.)
Third Division
Terry Curran (Sheff. Wed.)
Fourth Division
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FROM LEFT: Robbie Cooke, Tony Kellow, David Cross and Steve Archibald.

'I'M 25 PER CENT FITTER NOW'

says Kenny Sansom

KENNY Sansom fires a highly pertinent answer to suggestions that Arsenal have just completed their worst season for five years. Sansom, The Gunners £1m recruit at the start of the season from Crystal Palace, says: "Last season, we won a place in Europe once again, so who can say it's been an unsuccessful season?"

Point taken. Maybe Arsenal did miss out on Cup glory, after reaching the F.A. Cup Final for the previous three successive years. Maybe there was no place in European football this last winter, but that was a legacy from the Londoner's Cup-Winners' Cup disaster in Brussels, the previous year.

Kenny Sansom, growing in stature and confidence, believes that the season was nowhere near as bad as some believed.

Arsenal might have disappeared from the Cup competitions at a remarkably early stage, but they did pull themselves together in the League with a great, late run to clinch a UEFA Cup place for next season.

Adapt

For Sansom, there was much to learn and adapt to after life on the other side of the Thames.

"It's a big club and for me, it has lived up to expectation. Of course, I was a bit disappointed we didn't have a good run in the Cups. But a place in Europe was a satisfying end to the season, at least from my point of view.

"I have never played club football in Europe and I'm looking forward to the experience. Going anywhere with a club of Arsenal's reputation and tradition is a thrill; the thought of going into Europe with them is very exciting."

Sansom believes he is already a better player than when he left Crystal Palace, last August. He says: "We work much harder in training at Arsenal, and I reckon I am 25 per cent fitter now than I was at Palace."

"I think I have made the progress I anticipated when I left Palace, too."

"Don Howe is a very good coach and I have learned a lot from him. I had heard a lot about him, and now I know how good his coaching is."

Arsenal have been the most successful club in London over the last few seasons. But their critics claim it has been achieved at the expense of entertainment.

Sansom answers the criticisms by saying: "I don't think Arsenal are a boring side. I've heard people say it, but it's simply not true. The thing is, they want to do so well they never want to lose. We are well organised and defend well when we have to."

"The point is, if you are not well organised, you can have the best players in the country, and yet still lose. Supporters and onlookers don't always understand that — they believe understanding and organisation is boring."

"But it's ridiculous to say that. Arsenal have a will to win, that's their greatest attribute. And it's something the side must keep if it wants to appear in Cup Finals and win trophies."

Curiously, Sansom doesn't insist his left sided partnership with Graham Rix should necessarily be retained in the Arsenal side next season.

He says: "Graham wants to play more inside in the midfield

department. When he's out wide on the left, he's only got one way to go. I believe he is of the same mould as Brady, so he would do better inside."

"Of course, I'd hope we would both play well for Arsenal and for England. A club understanding does help when it comes to international games. But Graham must play where he feels happiest, not where he will benefit my play."

But Kenny Sansom looks back with a tinge of anxiety as he reflects on his old club's problems. "I feel sorry for Palace. They shouldn't have sold their best players — they were silly to have done that. Now they face a real battle in the future."





The finger points to England misery. Alex McLeish (left) records Scotland's 1-0 win.

The penalty which destroyed England (above). John Robertson blasts past Joe Corrigan.

ENGLAND PAY THE PENALTY

Saturday, 23rd May, 1981 will live in the memory as a great day for Scottish football. It was a day in which they regained their pride on the pitch and on the terraces. John Robertson sealed a 1-0 victory by sending Joe Corrigan the wrong way from the penalty-spot.



Trevor Francis feels the lash of Willie Miller's tackle as the Scot's Aberdeen club-mate McLeish lends support.



Steve Coppell shadowed, as always, by Frankie Gray (above). The burly Joe Jordan (below) is clearly a tough handful for Bryan Robson.



Danny McGrain turns past Ray Wilkins (above). And that man Alex McLeish demonstrates his aerial power by outjumping Peter Withe (below).



SHOOT!



Danny and other members of the Scotland squad visited the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem when they were in Israel recently.

TOURS for souvenirs . . . and I hope the writers of the famous old song will forgive me if I change the title a little.

It means that I have a nice way of introducing the fact that club trips are so important to any side although going abroad with your team-mates means so much more than just memory collecting.

Most players love the club tours, although I remember that wee Jimmy Johnstone would do anything to avoid stepping on to an aeroplane. He had a real fear of flying which was never better illustrated than by a classic story.

It was a European Cup-tie against Red Star Belgrade at Parkhead and Jock Stein, then the Celtic boss, promised wee Jinky that he wouldn't have to fly to Yugoslavia for the second-leg if Celts won by four goals.

Talk about responding to a challenge. He went bananas and gave a display Scotland will never forget. Red Star were torn apart and Celtic won 5-1.

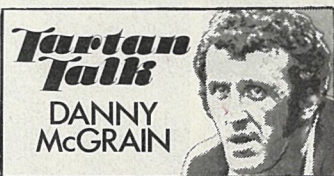
Big Jock was as good as his word and Jimmy stayed at home as Celtic flew off to play the second-leg two weeks later. It was no more than a formality.

But most players can't get enough trips abroad. Already this close season teams from all three Divisions

'Summer tours are no holiday'

in Scotland have been jet-setting all over the world to spread the good name of football.

One of the most ambitious was undertaken by Hibs who flew to the West Coast of America where they met their one time team-mate



George Best now playing in California again . . . and looking well as the Hibs boys reported.

Then the Edinburgh club went on to Haiti, a great reward for becoming the Champions of the First Division.

And the Mediterranean holiday island of Majorca must have seemed like a new Scottish League headquarters at one point in May when Celtic, Aberdeen, Morton and Queen's Park were all there on holiday.

We didn't actually play — apart from a couple of bounce games against the waiters — but the club did go into tour action later in the month, although yours truly missed the trip because of international duty at Swansea, Hampden and Wembley.

But my team-mates took the field in front of 50,000 in the so called football backwater of Casablanca . . . and Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart weren't in sight.

To be honest we expected to win against a local representative team

but lost 2-1 despite an early goal from Frank McGarvey. Apart from myself neither Davie Provan — with Scotland — nor George McCluskey — a knee injury — made the trip.

After that our squad broke up for a holiday before pre-season training in mid-July.

Then we go to a West German training camp — just like last summer — before travelling on to Holland where we will take part in a four club tournament in Rotterdam against Feyenoord, Dukla Prague and Anderlecht.

But these trips aren't simply jolly jaunts for a laugh and a good time with the boys.

Relationship

Quite apart from the experience of playing against top sides in Holland it gives an unseen boost to team spirit. Football after all is a team game and it is important that you have the best possible relationship with your colleagues.

That means living with them for a week or so and really getting to know them — and OK, having a laugh together.

Why for example do you think those marvellous Brazilians undertook such a marathon European tour this summer with the World Cup Finals still a whole year away? They know the value of tours . . . and they are three times World Champions.

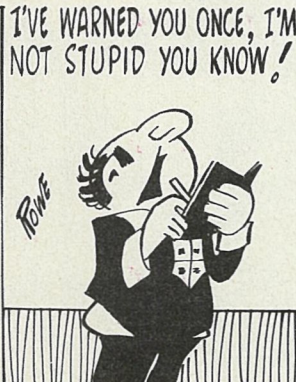
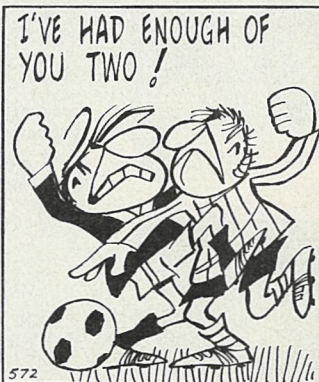
And while I am on the subject, these magical South Americans look as if they might give us Scots a bit of competition for that World Cup next summer! They can play all right, can't they?

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THE former Liverpool manager is a legend on Merseyside and remains one of the most respected personalities in the game. He talks exclusively to SHOOT about football in a fascinating and often revealing interview.

FRANKLY



SHOOT: First of all, Bill, how did you rate Liverpool's European Cup triumph in Paris?

SHANKLY: A remarkable achievement. Not a spectacle, but you must respect a club who win the European Cup three times in five years.

SHOOT: Will their priorities be to win the trophy again next season?

SHANKLY: Liverpool's priorities are always to win the League Championship. The First Division is where you make your money. The European Cup is a great thing, a bonus.

SHOOT: Liverpool's Sammy Lee played superbly in Paris. What's your opinion?

SHANKLY: All Liverpool players are great. I don't like singling out individuals. But Sammy Lee is a special person. The biggest revelation at Anfield. He works like a slave. Liverpool's motto is "never do anything wrong". Sammy never does anything wrong.

It's a lesson to all footballers — never do anything wrong. Sammy looked about six years old when I first saw him. He was one of English football's most successful players in 1980-81.

SHOOT: Who are the other young players you admire in the League?

SHANKLY: Manchester City have a number of good players. Tommy Caton, Nicky Reid, Ray Ranson, Steve Mackenzie, Tony Henry. Reid and Ranson have a tremendous asset.

They are quick, very quick. Compact too. Everything they do is a solid tackle. Tommy Caton could turn out to be a very good player for England's defence.

Glenn Hoddle is a very good player. Like Gary Shaw he can control the ball with either foot. Possibly Ardiles taught him a little bit of that. Even Gerry Armstrong was controlling the ball better before he left Spurs for Watford.

'THE REDS WILL LAST FOREVER'

SHOOT: Can Liverpool maintain the pace they have set throughout the 70's?

SHANKLY: Liverpool was built to last forever. If I had a house built, I would want it to last forever. The Liverpool system was geared to last forever.

They spot problems early. That way they plug holes and prevent a slide. Watch Liverpool carefully. They sign players in the summer, always strengthening the team.

Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence, unknowns at the time, were summer signings. Alec Lind-



Swansea manager John Toshack.

say and Ray Kennedy came in the summer.

Recently, Liverpool have added Craig Johnston and goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar, from Zimbabwe, to the squad.

SHOOT: So Liverpool never sit still. Who laid the foundations for the modern Liverpool?

SHANKLY: I did. Bill Shankly from Huddersfield Town. When a new manager joins a club, he brings his own training staff. I didn't. I inherited Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan, Reuben Bennett and told them: 'I'll lay down the plans. I know a bit about training. We'll all learn the system, and we'll get the players we need'.

'I MADE THE RULES'

The training ground at Melwood had to be cultivated first. It took maybe a year or two to get the system working. I laid down the laws.

I knew the coaching staff I was working with well. I'd tried to sign Joe Fagan as a player for Huddersfield. Ron Yeats and Ian St John were the first two players to arrive.

We learned how to play together collectively, how to play in little areas of the pitch, not to run the full length of the pitch with the ball. The system was made to last years, not a week.

SHOOT: What happens when Bob Paisley retires at Anfield?

SHANKLY: I've got news for Bob. 'You stay where you are Bob. If you retire you'll be sorry'. He's done a great job — and it's not over yet.

'TOSHACK HAS PASSED THE LIVERPOOL TEST'

SHOOT: John Toshack is widely tipped to succeed Mr Paisley. Is he

worthy of the job?

SHANKLY: John Toshack has done one of the most remarkable things in football to take Swansea from the Fourth Division to the First. Possibly one of the greatest achievements this century.

Toshack listened when he played for Liverpool. He tabulated, and has gone to Swansea with knowledge and made things happen. What he has done at Swansea

your first task as a national team manager?

SHANKLY: I would have picked the system first. Then I would have got the players to play to that system. **SHOOT:** What would have been your system?

SHANKLY: Oh, I'm not telling you that. But I will tell you this. There's a stock phrase I used at Liverpool which runs like this: 'Never attack to jeopardise your defence, and

They're criticised for no commitment. But England have Phil Thompson and Kevin Keegan, both Liverpool graduates, full of pride and passion just as much as any Scot, Welsh or Irish player.

Who could be more committed than those boys? Thompson and Keegan sing the National Anthem. That's a good sign, boys who sing the National Anthem. The big thing missing is the pride and the

'£5 MILLION FINNEY'

SHOOT: The greatest player of your time?

SHANKLY: Tommy Finney. Strong sturdy legs, good in the air, naturally left footed. Peter Barnes has good control, but Finney's control of the ball was closer.

Raich Carter always said he would have filled the net with footballs if he'd played with Tommy. George Best, Stan Matthews — they were great players. Tommy could puncture a team from the wings.

SHOOT: What would Finney be worth today?

SHANKLY: £5 million.

SHOOT: You admired Tommy Docherty as a player?

SHANKLY: I have to. He took my number four shirt at Preston. Tommy once said to me: "If there were five Bill Shankly's and five Tommy Docherty's in a team, we would beat the world." I said "What about a goalkeeper?" Tommy replied: "We wouldn't need one Shanks."

SHOOT: Great goalscorers?

SHANKLY: Denis Law and Jimmy Greaves. They were great. If they were through a defence, you could get the tea out and drink it. It would always be a goal.

SHOOT: Great games of your time?

SHANKLY: Real Madrid 7, Eintracht Frankfurt 3, European Cup 1960 at Hampden Park. That was a great game, di Stefano, so strong, scoring three, and Ferenc Puskas getting four.

But the greatest game was Liverpool's 3-1 defeat of the great Inter Milan in the European Cup in 1965. For atmosphere, excitement, Anfield was electric.

We had won the F.A. Cup the previous Saturday. Milan's players were magnificent, Suarez, Facchetti, Jair, all great players. Roger Hunt scored a great goal that night.

'BRAVE BYRNE'

SHOOT: The great Liverpool players?

SHANKLY: They are all great players at Anfield. I'll talk about one, a player who rarely gets mentioned — Gerry Byrne. Gerry Byrne played for two hours in the 1965 F.A. Cup Final against Leeds United with a broken collarbone.

It was one of Liverpool's best kept secrets. We kept him at full-back otherwise Leeds would have known he was injured. He fiddled through courageously and should have been handed all the winners medals at the end. No greater player for Liverpool that day.

Ron Yeats, Ian St John, Tommy Smith, good enough for the team at 17; Geoff Strong, who could have been even better if he'd joined Liverpool earlier in his career; Ian Callaghan, blessed with great stamina; Roger Hunt, who battered the ball goalwards; Peter Thompson creating havoc by running at defenders; they were all great players.

SHOOT: Would you like to say more Bill?

SHANKLY: I could go on for weeks. That's why I've brought out a long-playing, two disc, record. It's called "Shankly On Soccer". It runs for over two hours and I talk about everything I love in the great game.

SHANKLY



Kevin Keegan, one of Shankly's greatest discoveries.

qualifies him to get a job anywhere — even at Liverpool.

But I think John Toshack likes Swansea. He has just signed a five-year contract. I've seen Swansea playing, and I'll tell you a story, they're not a bad team.

John Toshack has passed the Liverpool test. Not the test of anybody else, the Liverpool test.

SHOOT: Would you have enjoyed managing a national team like England or Scotland?

SHANKLY: Yes, I think so. It would take, maybe, a year to get to know the players, all their characteristics. I don't think I would have had any trouble with international players.

I couldn't get all the players I wanted at Liverpool because you can't buy them all. But at international level, they're all available.

In England you could pick any one of two or three dozen players. You could get results with any of three teams. Maybe international football frightens players.

SHOOT: What would have been

Sammy Lee has greatly impressed Bill Shankly.

never defend to jeopardise your attack'.

SHOOT: Who are the England players you'd use for your system?

SHANKLY: Oh, I'm not committing myself. England have a lot of players. You could almost toss a coin. There are so many players good enough. I could have taken any of them and made a team out of them.

'DISAPPOINTING ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND'

SHOOT: What is your opinion of the England team?

SHANKLY: I'm not going to criticise Ron Greenwood. People always blame managers. Not me. Some of the England teams have disappointed me. They should have done better. The teams and the players should have played better than they've done.

I don't know what's missing.

passion.

SHOOT: Did you have that commitment as a player at Preston?

SHANKLY: Yes. When the team stood in the passageway before the start, we were bursting to get on to the pitch. We used to say 'Let's all be captains today'.

Maybe the tensions and the pressures are too much today. Maybe it's a burden playing for England. But if a manager spots a problem, he should jump in and sort it out. It's difficult playing for England and Scotland.

Scotland have had a lot of good players over the last 15 years and they have disappointed me a lot. They didn't do much in Argentina. It's up to the players, more than the managers. One of the greatest words at Liverpool is improvisation.

You shouldn't play clockwork football, A to B, B to C, C to D. If you improvise, anybody can come into the game. Kenny Dalglish improvises as he goes along. His brain works overtime. Defenders can't anticipate Kenny. It's genius.

SHOOT: What chance England in Spain if they qualify?

SHANKLY: Twenty four teams are going to Spain, which is ridiculous. There are not 24 good teams in the world.

We have quality players. The European Cup has come to England five times out of five, but that trophy is not the yardstick for everything. Spain? Who can tell.



Ken McNaught (above), a pillar of strength in Villa's defence. Arnold Muhren's (below) ball skills shone brilliantly for Ipswich Town



DIV. 1

(Read across for home results and down for away results.)

	ARSENAL	ASTON VILLA	BIRMINGHAM	BRIGHTON	COVENTRY	C. PALACE	EVERTON	IPSWICH	LEEDS	LEICESTER	LIVERPOOL	MAN. CITY	MAN. UTD.	MIDDLESBRO'	NORWICH	NOTT'M F.	SOUTHAMPTON	STOKE	SUNDERLAND	TOTTENHAM	WEST BROM.	WOLVES
ARSENAL	—	2-0	2-1	2-0	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-1	2-2	3-1	1-0	1-1	2-0	2-2	2-0	2-2	1-1
ASTON VILLA	1-1	—	3-0	4-1	1-0	2-1	0-2	1-2	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	3-3	3-0	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	4-0	3-0	1-0	2-1
BIRMINGHAM	3-1	1-2	—	2-1	3-1	1-0	1-1	1-3	0-2	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-0	2-1	4-0	2-0	0-3	1-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	1-0
BRIGHTON	0-1	1-0	2-2	—	4-1	3-2	1-3	1-0	2-0	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-4	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-2	1-2	2-0
COVENTRY	3-1	1-2	2-1	3-3	—	3-1	0-5	0-4	2-1	4-1	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	2-1	0-1	3-0	2-2
C. PALACE	2-2	0-1	3-1	0-3	0-3	—	2-3	1-2	0-1	2-1	2-2	2-3	1-0	5-2	4-1	1-3	3-2	1-1	0-1	3-4	0-1	0-0
EVERTON	1-2	1-3	1-1	4-3	3-0	5-0	—	0-0	1-2	1-0	2-2	0-2	0-1	4-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	0-1	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-0
IPSWICH	0-2	1-0	5-1	2-0	2-0	3-2	4-0	—	1-1	3-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-3	4-0	4-1	3-0	0-0	3-1
LEEDS	0-5	1-2	0-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	—	2-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-3	1-3	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
LEICESTER	1-0	2-4	1-0	0-1	1-3	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	2-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-2	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-2	2-0
LIVERPOOL	1-1	2-1	2-2	4-1	2-1	3-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	—	1-0	0-1	4-2	4-1	0-0	2-0	3-0	0-1	2-1	4-0	1-0
MAN. CITY	1-1	2-2	0-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-0	3-3	0-3	—	1-0	3-2	1-0	1-1	3-0	1-2	0-4	3-1	2-1	4-0
MAN. UTD.	0-0	3-3	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-1	0-1	5-0	0-0	2-2	—	3-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	2-1	0-0
MIDDLESBRO'	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-1	3-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	1-1	—	6-1	0-0	1-1	3-1	1-0	4-1	2-1	2-0
NORWICH	1-1	1-3	2-2	3-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-3	2-3	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-0	—	1-1	1-0	5-1	1-0	2-2	0-2	1-1
NOTT'M FOR.	3-1	2-2	2-1	4-1	1-1	3-0	1-0	1-2	2-1	5-0	0-0	3-2	1-2	1-0	2-1	—	2-1	5-0	3-1	0-3	2-1	1-0
S'HAMPTON	3-1	1-2	3-1	3-1	1-0	4-2	3-0	3-3	2-1	4-0	2-2	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	—	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-2	4-2
STOKE	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-0	2-2	2-2	3-0	1-0	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-0	3-1	1-2	1-2	—	2-0	2-3	0-0	3-2
SUNDERLAND	2-0	1-2	3-0	1-2	3-0	1-0	3-1	0-2	4-1	1-0	2-4	2-0	2-0	0-1	3-0	2-2	1-2	0-0	—	1-1	0-0	0-1
TOTTENHAM	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-2	4-1	4-2	2-2	5-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	0-0	3-2	2-3	2-0	4-4	2-2	0-0	—	2-3	2-2
WEST BROM.	0-1	0-0	2-2	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	3-1	3-1	3-0	3-0	2-1	2-1	0-0	2-1	4-2	—	1-1
WOLVES	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	0-1	4-1	1-3	1-0	3-0	3-0	1-4	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	—

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DIV. 2

(Read across for home results and down for away results)

	BLACKBURN	BOLTON	BRISTOL C.	BRISTOL R.	CAMBRIDGE	CARDIFF	CHELSEA	DERBY	GRIMSBY	LUTON	NEWCASTLE	NOTTS C.	OLDHAM	ORIENT	PRESTON	Q.P.R.	SHEFF. WED.	SHREWSBURY	SWANSEA	WATFORD	WEST HAM	WREXHAM
BLACKBURN	—	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-3	1-1	1-0	2-0	3-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	2-1	3-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
BOLTON	1-2	—	1-1	2-0	6-1	4-2	2-3	3-1	1-1	0-3	4-0	3-0	2-0	3-1	2-1	1-2	0-0	0-2	1-4	2-1	1-1	1-1
BRISTOL C.	2-0	3-1	—	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	3-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-2
BRISTOL R.	0-1	2-1	0-0	—	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	2-4	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-2	3-3	1-1	1-2	3-1	0-1	0-1
CAMBRIDGE	0-0	2-3	2-1	1-3	—	2-0	0-1	3-0	5-1	1-3	2-1	1-2	3-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	1-2	1-0
CARDIFF	1-2	1-1	2-3	2-1	1-2	—	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	4-2	1-3	1-0	0-0	2-2	3-3	1-0	0-0	1-0
CHELSEA	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0	3-0	0-1	—	1-3	3-0	0-2	6-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-2
DERBY	2-2	1-0	1-0	2-1	0-3	1-1	3-2	—	2-1	2-2	2-0	2-2	4-1	1-1	1-2	3-3	3-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1
GRIMSBY	0-0	4-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	—	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-5	1-0
LUTON	3-1	2-2	3-1	1-0	0-0	2-2	2-0	1-2	0-2	—	0-1	0-1	1-2	2-1	4-2	3-0	3-0	1-1	2-2	1-0	3-2	1-1
NEWCASTLE	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-1	—	1-1	0-0	3-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-2	2-1	0-0	0-1
NOTTS CO.	2-0	2-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	4-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	—	0-2	1-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	0-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1
OLDHAM	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	2-2	2-0	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	—	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-0	0-0	2-2	2-1	0-0	1-3
ORIENT	1-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	3-0	2-2	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-3	—	4-0	4-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	2-1
PRESTON	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-0	2-0	3-1	1-0	0-3	2-4	1-0	2-3	2-2	1-2	3-0	—	3-2	2-1	0-0	1-3	2-1	0-0	1-1
Q.P.R.	1-1	3-1	4-0	4-0	5-0	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-0	3-2	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-0	1-1	—	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-1
SHEFF. WED.	2-1	2-0	2-1	4-1	4-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-1	2-0	1-2	3-0	2-2	3-0	1-0	—	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	2-1
SHREWSBURY	1-1	1-2	4-0	3-1	2-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	3-0	3-3	2-0	—	0-0	2-1	0-2	1-2
SWANSEA	2-0	3-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	3-1	1-0	2-2	4-0	1-1	3-0	0-2	3-0	1-2	2-3	2-1	—	1-0	1-3	3-1
WATFORD	1-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	0-0	4-2	2-3	1-1	3-1	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-1	—	1-2	1-0
WEST HAM	2-0	2-1	5-0	2-0	4-2	1-0	4-0	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-0	4-0	1-1	2-0	5-0	3-0	2-1	3-0	2-0	3-2	—	1-0
WREXHAM	0-1	0-1	1-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	0-4	2-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-2	3-1	0-1	1-1	4-0	1-2	1-1	0-1	2-2	—



Twenty-three goal Paul Goddard, West Ham bargain at £800,000



Ace striker Ronnie Moore's goals helped clinch the Third Division crown for Rotherham United

DIV. 3

	BARNLEY	BLACKPOOL	BRENTFORD	BURNLEY	CARLISLE	CHARLTON	CHESTER	CHESTERFIELD	COLCHESTER	EXETER	FULHAM	GILLINGHAM	HUDDERSFIELD	HULL	MILLWALL	NEWPORT	OXFORD	PLYMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	READING	ROTHERHAM	SHEFF. UTD.	SWINDON	WALSALL
BARNLEY	—	2-0	0-1	3-2	3-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	2-2	3-3	1-0	3-0	2-0	4-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-3	1-0	2-1	2-0	3-0
BLACKPOOL	1-0	—	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-2	2-3	0-3	1-0	0-0	0-2	4-0	1-2	2-2	0-0	2-4	1-1	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-0
BRENTFORD	1-1	2-0	—	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-2	2-1	0-1	1-3	3-3	0-0	2-2	1-0	0-1	3-0	0-1	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	4-0
BURNLEY	0-1	4-1	2-0	—	0-3	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	3-2	4-2	2-0	5-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-3	1-2	1-1	3-2	0-0	0-0
CARLISLE	2-2	2-0	1-2	3-2	—	1-2	3-0	2-6	4-0	1-1	2-2	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-1	1-4	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-1
CHARLTON	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	2-1	—	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	4-2	2-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
CHESTER	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-0	—	2-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	0-2	4-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	3-2	1-0	1-0
CHESTERFIELD	0-0	3-2	2-1	3-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	—	3-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	3-0	3-2	2-1	2-2	3-0	3-2	2-0	1-0	2-2	1-2
COLCHESTER	2-2	3-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	—	1-2	3-2	2-1	1-2	2-0	3-0	1-0	3-0	2-2	1-0	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-1
EXETER	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	4-3	2-2	2-2	4-0	—	1-0	2-1	1-4	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-1	1-1	2-0	3-1	2-1	1-1	3-4	0-3
FULHAM	2-3	1-2	1-1	0-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	—	3-2	2-2	0-0	1-1	2-1	0-4	0-0	3-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-0	2-1
GILLINGHAM	1-1	3-1	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	1-5	1-0	—	0-0	2-0	1-2	3-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	1-0
HUDDERSFIELD	1-0	1-1	3-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-0	5-0	4-2	1-0	—	5-0	0-1	4-1	2-0	2-0	0-0	4-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	1-1
HULL	1-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-3	0-1	2-2	2-1	—	3-1	3-1	0-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-1
MILLWALL	1-1	0-0	2-2	2-2	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	3-1	1-0	3-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	—	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	2-1	0-1	1-4	3-1	0-1
NEWPORT	0-0	3-1	1-1	1-2	4-0	1-2	1-1	5-1	1-0	2-1	2-1	1-1	3-2	4-0	2-1	—	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-0	1-1	4-0	0-2	1-1
OXFORD	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-2	1-2	1-0	1-0	0-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	—	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	0-0	1-1
PLYMOUTH	1-3	0-2	0-1	2-1	4-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-2	2-1	4-1	0-0	0-0	2-0	3-2	3-0	—	1-0	2-1	3-1	1-0	0-0	2-0
PORTSMOUTH	0-1	3-3	0-2	4-2	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-1	5-0	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-0	1-1	1-3	—	0-0	3-1	1-0	1-0	2-0
READING	3-2	3-0	0-0	1-3	3-1	1-3	3-0	2-3	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-0	4-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	—	1-1	1-0	4-1	2-0
ROTHERHAM	2-0	4-0	4-1	1-0	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	3-1	2-2	2-0	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	3-0	2-0	—	2-1	1-0	2-1
SHEFF. UTD.	1-1	4-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	3-2	2-0	2-0	3-0	3-1	1-2	0-1	2-2	3-1	2-3	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-2	—	3-0	0-1
SWINDON	2-0	1-2	0-0	0-3	1-1	0-3	1-2	0-1	3-0	2-2	3-4	0-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-2	3-1	2-1	5-2	—	3-1
WALSALL	1-1	2-2	2-3	3-1	4-3	2-2	2-1	4-1	3-1	1-3	1-2	3-3	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-3	1-3	2-0	2-2	0-2	4-1	2-1	—

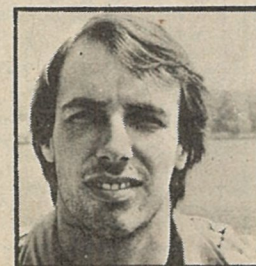
RESULTS FOR 1980~81

DIV. 4

	ALDERSHOT	BOURNEMOUTH	BRADFORD	BURY	CREWE	DARLINGTON	DONCASTER	HALIFAX	HARTLEPOOL	HEREFORD	LINCOLN	MANSFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	PETERBORO'	PORT VALE	ROCHDALE	SCUNTHORPE	SOUTHEND	STOCKPORT	TORQUAY	TRANMERE	WIGAN	WIMBLEDON	YORK
ALDERSHOT	—	0-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-1	2-1	4-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-0	2-1	3-2	0-1	2-0	1-1
BOURNEMOUTH	0-2	—	4-0	2-2	0-0	3-3	1-2	2-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	4-1	0-0	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-1	1-1
BRADFORD	1-0	1-1	—	0-2	2-2	3-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	1-2	0-2	3-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	2-0	0-3	3-3	2-0	1-1
BURY	0-0	3-0	2-2	—	1-3	1-2	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	4-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	3-1	6-1	1-2	0-1	3-0	2-2	0-0	1-0	2-0
CREWE	0-0	0-2	1-0	2-2	—	1-1	0-0	2-1	2-0	5-0	0-3	1-2	3-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	3-0	1-2	0-3	1-1
DARLINGTON	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	—	5-0	3-1	3-0	2-1	0-0	2-2	1-0	2-0	1-1	4-4	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-1	2-0	3-1	4-0	0-0
DONCASTER	3-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	—	0-0	1-2	5-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	0-4	2-0	1-2	1-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	3-2
HALIFAX	1-0	1-2	2-0	4-2	1-0	1-2	0-3	—	1-2	0-0	1-3	0-2	0-1	2-3	2-2	2-0	1-0	1-5	2-0	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-1
HARTLEPOOL	1-0	1-0	2-2	1-2	6-2	2-0	1-0	3-0	—	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-3	1-1	3-0	2-2	2-0	1-3	1-0	0-2	3-0	3-1	2-3	1-0
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MANSFIELD	1-2	1-1	1-0	2-0	4-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	4-0	2-0	—	2-0	2-1	5-0	2-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-1	1-0	0-1
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Derek Spence (above), Southend's king-pin in winning the Fourth Division title. Alan Cork (below) helped Wimbledon gain promotion



HOW THEY FINISHED

1980-81

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
A Villa	42	16	3	2	40	13	10	5	6	32	27	60
Ipswich	42	15	4	2	45	14	8	6	7	32	29	56
Arsenal	42	13	8	0	36	17	6	7	8	25	28	53
WBA	42	15	4	2	40	15	5	8	8	20	27	52
L'pool	42	13	5	3	38	15	4	12	5	24	27	51
Soton	42	16	4	2	47	22	5	6	10	29	34	50
Nottm F	42	15	3	3	44	20	4	9	8	18	24	50
Man Utd	42	9	11	1	30	14	6	7	8	12	22	48
Leeds	42	10	5	6	19	19	7	5	9	20	28	44
Spurs	42	9	9	3	44	31	5	6	10	26	37	43
Stoke	42	8	9	4	31	23	4	9	8	20	37	42
Man City	42	10	7	4	35	25	4	4	13	21	34	39
Brghm	42	11	5	5	32	23	2	7	12	18	38	38
Mdbro	42	14	4	3	38	16	2	1	18	15	45	37
Evtm	42	8	6	7	32	25	5	4	12	23	33	36
Cvtry	42	9	6	6	31	30	4	4	13	17	38	36
Sdrld	42	10	4	7	32	19	4	3	14	20	34	35
Wolves	42	11	2	8	26	20	2	7	12	17	35	35
Brghth	42	10	3	8	30	26	4	4	13	24	41	35
Nrwch	42	9	7	5	34	25	4	0	17	15	48	33
Lcster	42	7	5	9	20	23	6	1	14	20	44	32
C Pal	42	6	4	11	32	37	0	3	18	15	46	19

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Ham	42	19	1	1	53	12	9	9	3	26	17	66
N Cnty	42	10	8	3	26	15	8	9	4	23	23	53
Swansea	42	12	5	4	39	19	6	9	6	25	25	50
Bickburn	42	12	8	1	28	7	4	10	7	14	22	50
Luton	42	10	6	5	35	23	8	6	7	26	23	48
Derby	42	9	8	4	34	26	6	7	8	23	26	45
Grimsby	42	10	8	3	21	10	5	7	9	23	32	45
QPR	42	11	7	3	36	12	4	6	11	20	34	43
Watford	42	13	5	3	34	18	3	6	12	16	27	43
Shef W	42	14	4	3	38	14	3	4	14	15	37	42
Newcastle	42	11	7	3	22	13	3	7	11	8	32	42
Chelsea	42	8	6	7	27	15	6	6	9	19	26	40
Cambridge	42	13	1	7	36	23	4	5	12	17	42	40
Shrwsby	42	9	7	5	33	22	2	10	9	13	25	39
Oldham	42	7	9	5	19	16	5	6	10	20	32	39
Wrexham	42	5	8	8	22	24	7	6	8	21	21	38
Orient	42	9	8	4	34	20	4	4	13	18	36	38
Bolton	42	10	5	6	40	27	4	5	12	21	39	38
Cardiff	42	7	7	7	23	24	5	5	11	21	36	36
Preston	42	8	7	6	28	26	3	7	11	13	36	36
Bristol C	42	6	10	5	19	15	1	6	14	10	36	30
Bristol R	42	4	9	8	21	24	1	4	16	13	41	23

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rothrm	46	17	6	0	43	8	7	7	9	19	24	61
Barnsley	46	15	5	3	46	19	6	12	5	26	26	59
Charlton	46	14	6	3	36	17	11	3	9	27	27	59
Hudrsfld	46	14	6	3	40	11	7	8	8	31	29	56
Chstrfld	46	17	4	2	42	16	6	6	11	30	32	56
Portsmouth	46	14	5	4	35	19	8	4	11	20	28	53
Plymth	46	14	5	4	35	18	5	9	9	21	26	52
Burnley	46	13	5	5	37	21	5	9	9	23	27	50
Brentfrd	46	7	9	7	30	25	7	10	6	22	24	47
Reading	46	13	5	5	39	22	5	5	13	23	40	46
Exeter	46	9	9	5	36	30	7	4	12	26	36	45
Newport	46	11	6	6	38	22	4	7	12	26	39	43
Fulham	46	8	7	8	28	29	7	6	10	29	35	43
Oxford	46	7	8	8	20	24	6	9	8	19	23	43
Ginghm	46	9	8	6	23	19	3	10	10	25	39	42
Millwall	46	10	9	4	30	21	4	5	14	13	39	42
Swindon	46	10	6	7	35	27	3	9	11	16	29	41
Chester	46	11	5	7	25	17	4	6	13	13	31	41
Carlisle	46	8	9	6	32	29	6	4	13	24	41	41
Walsall	46	8	9	6	43	40	5	6	12	16	31	41
Sheff U	46	12	6	5	38	23	2	6	15	27	43	40
Colchstr	46	12	7	4	35	22	2	4	17	10	43	39
Blackpl	46	5	9	9	19	28	4	5	14	26	47	32
Hull	46	7	8	8	23	22	1	8	14	17	49	32

DIVISION IV

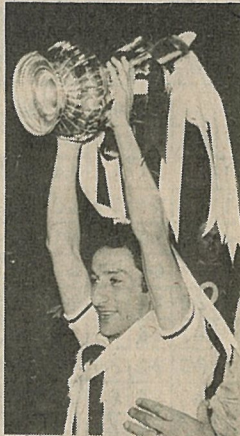
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	46	19	4	0	47	6	11	3	9	32	25	67
Lincoln	46	15	7	1	44	11	10	8	5	22	14	65
Doncaster	46	15	4	4	36	20	7	8	8	23	29	56
Wimbledon	46	15	4	4	42	17	8	5	10	22	29	55
Peterboro'	46	11	8	4	37	21	6	10	7	31	33	52
Aldershot	46	12	9	2	28	11	6	5	12	15	30	50
Mansfield	46	13	5	5	36	15	7	4	12	22	29	49
Darlington	46	13	6	4	43	23	6	5	12	22	36	49
Hartlepool	46	14	3	6	42	22	6	6	11	22	39	49
N'thampton	46	11	7	5	42	26	7	6	10	23	41	49
Wigan	46	13	4	6	29	16	5	7	11	22	39	47
Bury	46	10	8	5	38	21	7	3	13	32	41	45
B'rmouth	46	9	8	6	30	21	7	5	11	17	27	45
Bradford	46	9	9	5	30	24	5	7	11	23	36	44
Rochdale	46	11	6	6	33	25	3	9	11	27	45	43
Scunthorpe	46	8	12	3	40	31	3	8	12	20	38	42
Torquay	46	13	2	8	38	26	5	3	15	17	37	41
Crewe	46	10	7	6	28	20	3	7	13	20	41	40
Port Vale	46	10	8	5	40	23	2	7	14	17	47	39
Stockport	46	10	5	8	29	25	6	2	15	15	32	39
Tranmere	46	12	5	6	41	24	1	5	17	18	49	36
Hereford	46	8	8	7	29	20	3	5	15	9	42	35
Halifax	46	9	3	11	28	32	2	9	12	16	39	34
York	46	10	2	11	31	23	2	7	14	16	43	33



League Champions Aston Villa



Liverpool's Alan Hansen with the League Cup (above).
F.A. Cup Winner Ossie Ardiles (below).



Rangers celebrate their Scottish Cup Final success.



SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	36	12	3	3	47	18	14	1	3	37	19	56
Abrdn	36	11	4	3	39	16	8	7	3	22	10	49
Rangers	36	12	3	3	33	10	4	9	5	27	22	44
S M'n	36	9	6	3	28	20	9	2	7	28	27	44
Dnd U	36	8	5	5	34	24	9	4	5	32	18	43
Partck	36	6	6	6	17	17	4	4	10	15	31	30
Airdrie	36	6	5	7	19	25	4	4	10	17	30	29
Morn	36	7	2	9	24	28	3	6	9	12	30	28
Kilmk	36	3	5	10	14	31	2	4	12	9	34	19
Hearts	36	3	4	11	10	27	3	2	13	17	44	18

SCOTTISH FIRST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibrrn	39	14	4	2	38	9	10	5	4	29	15	57
Dndee	39	14	4	2	42	18	8	4	7	22	22	52
St Jstn	39	12	3	5	31	21	8	8	3	33	24	51
Raith	39	11	7	1	26	11	9	3	8	23	21	50
Mthrw	39	14	5	1	41	20	5	6	8	24	31	49
Ayr U	39	11	5	3	34	17	6	6	8	25	25	45
Hmlton	39	9	5	6	39	27	6	2	11	22	30	37
Dmbrtn	39	8	5	6	23	22	5	6	9	26	28	37
Falkrk	39	7	4	8	24	29	6	4	10	15	23	34
Clydbk	39	8	6	5	31	25	2	7	11	17	34	33
E Strlg	39	4	10	6	20	24	2	7	10	21	32	29
Dnfmn	39	6	3	11	17	28	4	4	11	24	30	27
Stlg A	39	4	6	9	13	21	2	5	13	5	27	23
Berwck	39	5	6	8	18	27	0	6	14	13	55	22

SCOTTISH SECOND

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qns Pk	39	9	9	2	30	19	7	9	3	32	24	50
Q of S	39	7	8	4	31	29	9	6	5	35	24	46
Cwbtb	29	12	3	4	35	20	6	6	7	28	28	45
Brechn	39	10	7	3	29	18	5	7	7	23	28	44
Forfar	39	9	3	7	34	32	8	6	6	29	25	43
Alloa	39	10	4	6	29	25	5	8	6	32	29	42
Mntsrse	39	9	4	6	31	24	7	4	9	35	31	40
Clyde	39	10	6	4	45	31	4	6	9	23	32	40
Arbrth	39	3	9	8	20	29	10	3	6	38	25	38
Stnhr	39	4	7	8	27	32	9	4	7	36	26	37
East F	39	6	9	4	21	21	4	6	10	23	32	35
Albion	39	9	3	8	37	41	4	6	9	22	31	35
Mdwbk	39	6	2	11	17	35	5	5	10	25	29	29
Strnr	39	4	5	11	20	41	3	3	13	16	42	22

ALTHOUGH I've kicked a ball about since I could walk I never really had any ambitions to be a professional player when I was a youngster at school.

You see, I wasn't sure whether I would be able to cope with the pressures of being continually in the limelight. I'm a shy lad really and always preferred staying in the background.

All I ever wanted to do was kick-about with my mates, play for my school and support Aston Villa.

Playing for my favourite club was beyond my wildest dreams, but I did think I'd end up as a P.E. teacher or in sports journalism.

I was born on January 21st, 1961, and have always lived in Kingshurst, a suburb of Birmingham and attended the local primary school.

Dad, a carpenter by trade, was a

tremendous help in my early days, encouraging me to play football. I kept him poor, though. He was always buying Villa strips and plastic footballs which I wore out at the rate of one a week.

Mum, still a cleaner at my old school, is also a Villa fanatic but has only seen me play once. That day Villa lost 4-1 to Manchester City. We now regard her as a jinx and have banned her from Villa Park.

Mum might not go to the games, but she's an absolute mine of information, reeling off great lists of facts and figures.

Naturally, she saw me play as a six-year-old in my first year at Kingshurst Junior School. The sportsmaster believed I had potential and drafted me into the team made up of fourth year pupils.

My selection didn't go down too well with the boys or their parents and it caused a revolt. At first they even refused to play with me. But I stayed and eventually captained the side... as a sweeper. The game's teacher didn't feel his skipper should play up front so he

moved me into the back-four and I enjoyed the role.

My first honour came in the third year when the team won four trophies. I was nine and also managed to get into the Saltley and Erdington District team.

I moved on to Kingshurst Comprehensive at 11-years-of-age and began to take football seriously for the first time, thanks to the drive and encouragement of the sportsmaster, Mr Bob McGrath.

Success

First move Bob made was to switch me back to striker and I enjoyed a great deal of success helping the school win many Cups.

Although I played for the district side I never quite made Birmingham or England Schoolboys.

I also played for a Sunday club, Coleshill Colts. The team were fairly successful, but missed out on the one trophy I really wanted — the Aston Villa Cup.

The Final was always played at Villa Park and I desperately wanted to play there. We did reach the Semi-Finals one year but lost 2-0.

Most Saturday afternoons I could be found on the terraces at the Holte End cheering on Villa. My heroes were Bruce Rioch and Andy Gray.

I'll never forget the day I asked Bruce Rioch for his autograph, because it made me quite a celebrity at school and in Kingshurst.

I was only nine and had gone along to the new Villa training ground at Sutton Coldfield.

Bruce was injured and had an arm in plaster, but he still managed to sign his name on my scrap of paper. A photographer was nearby and took our picture which appeared in the local Press.

One of the biggest regrets of my career is not playing alongside Andy Gray in the first team.

I did have a few games with him for the reserves when Andy was recovering from injury, but unfortunately never had the opportunity of proving what a combination we could have been for Villa.

As you know, I was very sad when Andy was transferred to Wolves.

I've run out of space I'm afraid. Next time I'll tell you about the time I rejected Manchester City, Q.P.R. AND Aston Villa. Join me then...

Bruce Rioch
Andy Gray

**SOCCKER
AS I SEE IT
Gary
Shaw**



Sweeper and captain, nine-year-old Gary Shaw helped the Kingshurst Junior School team to four local honours. Can you spot Gary in the team line-up? He is second from the left in the front row.

'THE TEAM THAT DIDN'T WANT ME'





ASTON VILLA

Champions of England

Back Row: (left to right)

Eamon Deacy
Ken McNaught
Jimmy Rimmer
David Geddis
Gary Williams

Centre Row:

Des Bremner
Colin Gibson
Tony Morley
Gordon Cowans

Front Row:

Allan Evans
Gary Shaw
Ron Saunders
Dennis Mortimer
Ken Swain
Peter Withe

TROPHY DETAILS

(left to right)

ATV Star Soccer Trophy — Goal Of The Season (Dennis Mortimer).

Midland Soccer Writers Young Player Of The Year 1981 (Gary Shaw).

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup 1981. Birmingham Evening Mail Footballer Of The Year 1981 (Dennis Mortimer).

The Football League Championship Trophy 1981.

The Daily Express National Five-A-Side Trophy 1980/81.

PFA Young Player Of The Year 1981 (Gary Shaw).

Midland Soccer Writers Player Of The Year 1981 (Peter Withe).

Midland Soccer Writers/Ladbroke Trophy, Young Player Of The Season 1980 (Gary Shaw).

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This week's Star Letter comes from Scott Crockett of Banff, who wins our Special
Prize of £10. He writes:

RANGERS~HEROES OR VILLAINS?

I AM writing to extend my commiserations to Jim McLean and his Dundee Utd team, who gallantly failed in their bid to win the Scottish Cup.

My real emotion, however, is one of sadness at the way in which Rangers achieved their victory. Through the two games it seemed as if the aim of the Rangers side was to stop their opponents at any cost.

This trait which Rangers seem to have is not a new one. The Semi-Final against Morton would have been more at home in the Colosseum, with a grand total of eight bookings and two sendings-off.

But perhaps the final nail in Rangers' coffin, is the fact that for season

● What do Rangers fans have to say about this?

1980-81, in the Crime Count table which is compiled by the *Sunday Post*, Rangers again finished bottom with a grand total of 704 fouls, 41 bookings and one ordering off.

That works out at an average of about 20 fouls and one booking per game.

Their total of 832 points was a massive 257 more than the winners of the table, who were, ironically, Dundee United.

This only goes to prove that a team can be successful and still play in a clean, sporting way.

Well done United, and take note Rangers. Please try to clean up next season.



Cup winners Rangers under fire.

What trouble?

THE ENGLISH F.A. should be absolutely ashamed of themselves.

First of all they decide to use penalty-kicks to decide the F.A. Cup if the replay is still a draw.

Even worse than that is the fact that they did not allow the England team over to play Northern Ireland in Belfast. They used the trouble here as an excuse.

I live less than half a mile from Windsor Park and I have yet to see a riot. I have also yet to see a Republican at a Northern Ireland match, they all support Eire.

Sport and politics should never be mixed.

P. DONALD,
BELFAST.

● I agree, but with the massive coverage given to sport by the media it's an ideal chance for politicians to get publicity.

Overcharged?

ALONG with 2,500 Lincoln fans, I made the journey to Southend for the vital

Fourth Division match. To our amazement, Lincoln fans going in the stand were being charged £4; Southend supporters only £2.

We rightly complained to the Lincoln chairman afterwards, who in turn complained to the Football League. They told him Southend could charge what they like as long as it was over £1.

K. GILBERT,
TIMBERLAND.

● I contacted Southend and they told me that as it was such a big game, and gates had been down, they decided to charge £4 to the "casual fan". Supporters who could produce two programme vouchers paid £2.40 — everyone else, from Southend or Lincoln, were charged £4. Apparently the extra revenue helped pay for the extra police that were needed. Sadly, there was some fighting on the terraces.

Villa's home

THIS cutting from the *Jersey Evening Post*, the day before the Cup Final, proved to be on the ball. What an address!

MARK BLAMPID,
ST. SAVIOUR.

● Obviously a home to crow about.

Kicked in the teeth

ONCE again football in Northern Ireland has been kicked in the teeth, this time by the cowardly action of the F.A., with their decision not to travel to Belfast.

This despicable action, against the recommendations of the Government, is the latest in the long line of snubs to Northern Ireland.

We have seen in recent times no recognition for our achievements; the 1980 British Championship victory was totally ignored by English media.

In the World Cup matches more publicity has been given to the Republic's continued failure with their so-called superstars Brady, Stapleton and O'Leary, than to the success of Northern Ireland.

The great performance at Hampden Park, when four to five thousand loyal Northern Ireland fans were certainly not drowned by the Hampden Roar, and the victory over Portugal have kept us on course for Spain at a time when the prima donnas of England are stuttering towards a possible failure.

It must be said that England saw the match as being unimportant. A win would have meant nothing to England while defeat could have seen the end of Greenwood's career.

MARK SUFFERN,
CRUMLIN.

● Northern Ireland's 1980 achievement wasn't ignored — it was kept in perspective. Being British Champions is nice, but means little internationally.

Joe spoils the show

I FELT so sad after seeing Joe Jordan sent off whilst representing Scotland against Wales.

Joe is a brilliant player, one of the bravest in the game today, but he spoils his talents by persistently breaking the rules.

Most players would attempt to be on their best behaviour when they are in the privileged position of being selected to play for their country, but Joe brought a feeling of shame to all lovers of the game because of his stupid antics in Wales.

I would advise all young players to learn from Joe's skill and condemn the bad behaviour that we saw in Wales.

So come on Joe, hold that temper of yours and entertain your many fans by showing them some good football!

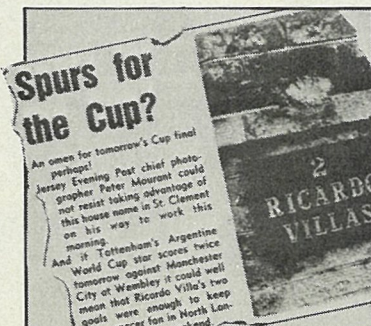
PAUL PORTER,
ENFIELD.

● Joe's aggression is one of his strong points, but he was too aggressive against Wales. I should also mention it was the first time Joe had been sent off in his career.

Pen-pal

I AM a 14-year-old Malaysian boy and I would like to correspond with a boy or a girl pen-pal anywhere in the world. I support Nottingham Forest and F.C. Cologne.

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42 in a season

What is the highest number of players used in League games by any club in one season?

PETER GARTENBERG,
PINNER

● Don't reckon you could beat 42 — that's almost four full teams! — in a hurry, Peter.

That was the number used by three clubs — Sheffield Wednesday (Div. One) and Coventry (Div. Two) in the 1919-20 season; and Hull (Div. Three North) in 1946-47.

Complete collection

Has anyone ever gained winners medals in the English, Scottish, and Irish F.A. Cups?

TOMMY PLEOVEY,
EIRE

● Yes, Tommy, Scottish international Jimmy Delaney is your man.

He kicked-off, before the War, with one in Celtic's 2-1 win over Aberdeen in 1937.

After it, in 1948, he was a leading member of the Manchester United side which beat Blackpool 4-2.

Then, at the age of 41, Delaney was in the Derry City team which beat Glentoran 1-0 in 1954.

Two years later, he was at it again — almost adding one more winner's medal from the other side of the border.

Delaney scored the first goal for Cork Athletic in the F.A. of Ireland Cup Final in April, 1956 — and, with only 13 minutes left, they were 2-0 up.

But opponents Shamrock Rovers hit back, forced extra-time — and got the winner 45 seconds from the end.

Stapleton debut

As a great fan of Frank Stapleton, I'd like to know when, and against whom, he made his League debut for Arsenal?

ARI HAMALAINEN,
FINLAND

● It was in a 1-1 home draw with Stoke on 29th March, 1975, Sari.

It was Stapleton's only game of that season — and he was substituted before the end by fellow-Irishman Liam Brady.

SHORT PASSES

● Ipswich's goal in their 1-0 win over Arsenal in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final was scored by Roger Osborne. (ABRAHAM MWAPE, Zambia)

● George Best scored 137 goals in 361 League games for Manchester United. (ROBERT O'FLAHERTY, Barnes)

● Most League goals Manchester United have scored in a single season is 103 — in Division One in both 1956-57 and 1958-59. (NEIL MATTHEWS, Manchester)

"Old Trafford supporters demand the sort of success coupled with George Best and Denis Law."



'A trophy next season — or else...'

BEING manager of Manchester United is the most rewarding and unrewarding job in English football. There can be no more prestigious position — but at the same time if Dave Sexton's successor doesn't win a trophy next season he'll be branded a failure.

It comes back to the great teams of the 50's and 60's . . . United fans still remember those sides and the players who were in them. Old Trafford regulars demand that sort of success coupled with the football Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best dished up.

Quite simply, it'll never happen again because the system as it is now isn't geared to producing Laws and Bests. Even so, the present team is expected to win and win in style.

Mediocre

Mind you, sometimes I wonder what is really wanted. When Dave Sexton was sacked, a reason put forward was that we weren't playing "commercial football". Do United want a team to play mediocre soccer and win? Or play well and lose? Or what?

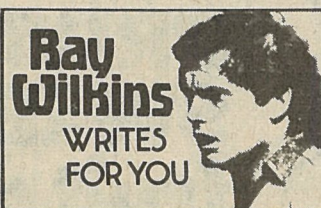
Joe Jordan spoke for everyone when he said the first thing on the players' mind was to win. If we entertained, fine, but the priority was two points.

Dave Sexton never told us to go out and play defensively. Not once did he say hold back. At every team talk he said: "Go out and attack . . . go out and win."

Incidentally, I'm delighted that Dave has got himself fixed up so quickly. No way should a man of his calibre be out of a job for long and at Coventry he has the chance to

work with some young players and mould a team.

What sort of man does it take to manage United? It's difficult to say. We've had the extrovert in Tommy Docherty and the introvert in Dave Sexton.



Sir Matt Busby was a quiet manager, but his record of success speaks for itself.

I was surprised Lawrie McMenemy didn't take the job. Like everyone else, I thought he was earmarked for Old Trafford.

I think the new man will have to communicate with the Press to a large extent to ensure United are on the back pages regularly. Over at City, John Bond does a tremendous job in this respect. Okay, some of the things he says are controversial, but there is no denying he's done well both on and off the pitch.

It was a blessing for us when they lost the Cup. The new boss will have enough pressure without wanting to have our rivals' success rammed down his throat.

While the next manager will know exactly what he has to do, he can count upon the best support in the country. He will also take over a team I believe is capable of lifting a trophy next season.

That nine match unbeaten run showed what we can do with a fully fit squad. There isn't much wrong with the team, despite some disappointing results when half the side was injured.

It now looks as if Ron Atkinson will be the new boss at Old Trafford. I have a great respect for Ron and am sure he is the right man for the job, but nothing is definite at the time of writing.

United have found it difficult to find a manager to succeed Sir Matt. Ironically, my old club, Chelsea, had the same problem finding a replacement for Geoff Hurst until they appointed former Middlesbrough boss John Neal.

Although I've been with Geoff Hurst on England duty, I haven't spoken about his departure with him because I'm sure he'd rather look forward than back.

As I write this I'm about to join the United squad in the Far East, the ideal opportunity for a new manager to get to know his players . . .

Join me in a fortnight when I'll be assessing England's World Cup hopes.

Ray Wilkins

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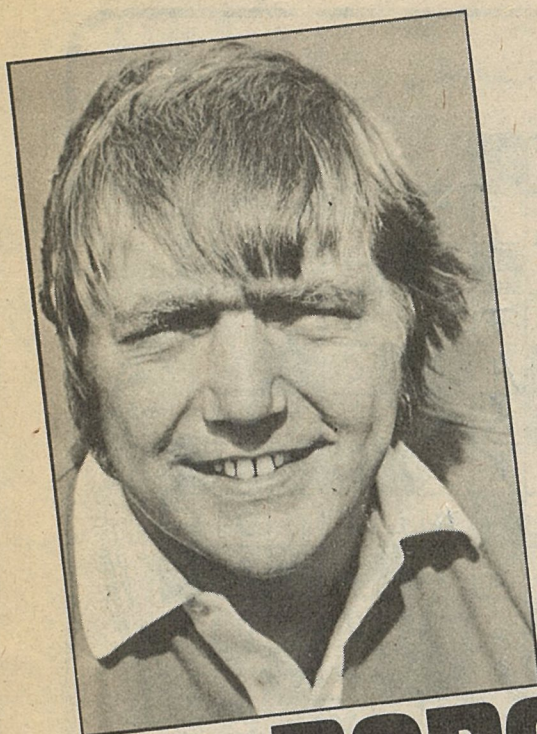
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BOBBY Murdoch had tremendous success as a player.

The former Scottish international was a key player in the Celtic side that won all domestic honours and stormed Europe. He earned fistfuls of medals and achieved fame as a member of Celtic's 1967 European Cup-winning side.

Celtic gave him a free transfer in recognition of his exemplary service, and, in 1973, he joined Middlesbrough.

The move was the shot in the arm the gifted wing-half needed. Murdoch relished the challenge to prove himself in English football.

Runaway Success

He was the midfield link, the star that made all the difference, when Boro had a runaway promotion success.

Middlesbrough galloped into the First Division with 65 points and manager Jack Charlton knew that the first signing of his career as a manager was the mastermind behind that triumph.

When Murdoch stopped playing in 1975, he took over another career — as youth team

coach. He groomed Middlesbrough's up-and-coming stars and saw Craig Johnston, Mark Proctor and Dave Hodgson develop into England Under-21 internationals.

Eight years after his move from over the border, Murdoch now faces another challenge. He has to prove himself in the top flight — as a manager.

Murdoch has been promoted in an Ayresome Park shake-up. He is Continental-style supremo with the title of team-manager. Financial matters, players' contracts, and transfer negotiations will be negotiated by officials with more business experience.

The 36-year-old Scot is thrilled with his appointment. "I feel as though I am starting another career. I served under two top managers and feel I learned something from them," he says.



Boro's Dave Hodgson has developed under Murdoch's guidance.

BORO GO CONTINENTAL WITH MURDOCH



Bobby Murdoch (front, right) enjoyed great success at Celtic.

"Jock Stein was the best manager I played under. He was a master at man management, with the ability to bring a player down to earth or raise him.

"Jack Charlton was a great tactician who got the best out of his players at Middlesbrough. He was forthright, sometimes too forthright, but there was no doubt he knew his job. I hope I can do as well."

Important

Murdoch adds, "I would love to return to the European scene one day. First of all though it is important to establish Middlesbrough as a top-six team in the First Division.

"Middlesbrough fans have been good to me and I would like to repay them.

"I am happy with the title of team-manager. I aim to be out on the football field and not in the office.

"My recommendations on transfer deals, both incoming and outgoing, will be acted upon by people with more experience.

"Middlesbrough have a good reputation for finding their own talent and I am confident the supply will continue.

"I will form a working partnership with John Coddington and hope we can build on good foundations."

Middlesbrough fans will be overjoyed if Murdoch equals his impact as a player.

ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

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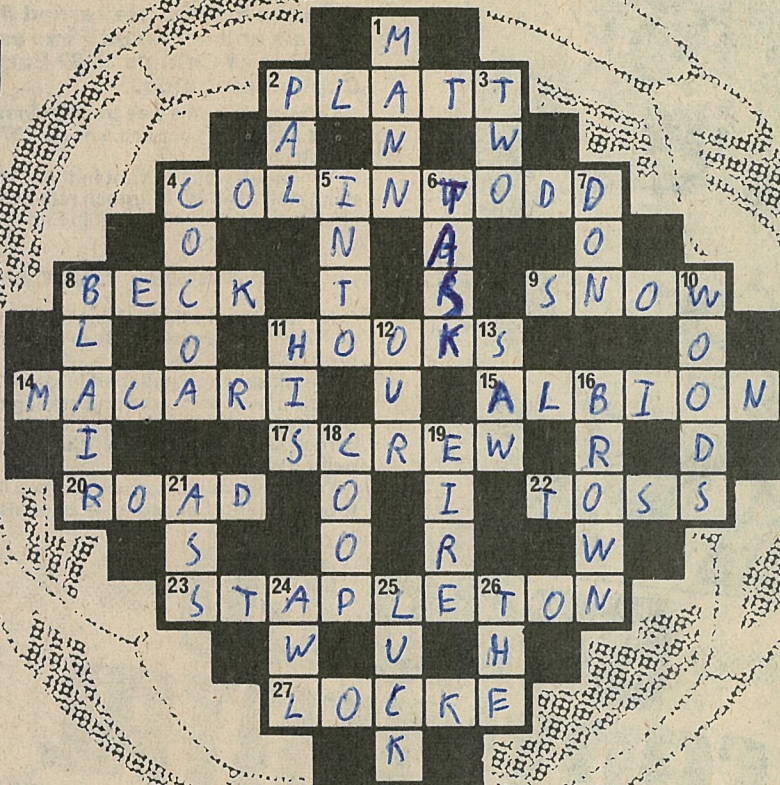
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 (14) Lou —, Manchester United forward. (6)
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 (27) Gary —, Chelsea defender. (5)

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Joe's happy rivals Villa are Champions



JOE GALLAGHER is delighted that Aston Villa won the First Division Championship.

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Says Gallagher: "It's good for our area that Villa were successful. What was disappointing for me was that Birmingham fell away so badly after their good start last season — in November and December our results were too bad to be true.

"With the signing of Colin Todd, Archie Gemmill and Frank Worthington, I reckoned there was enough talent in the side to keep us among the leaders, but we just weren't consistent."



Villa's Peter Withe, in action against Birmingham last season, is always prepared to take on defenders.

Joe admits that 1980-81 held a further disappointment for him. He says "I had anticipated a crowd of around 20,000 for my benefit match, but it was raining that night, and the gate was only 9,600."

However, Gallagher is happy that last term did bring him international recognition.

"I was thrilled to be chosen for the England 'B' team against Australia, and I'm ambitious enough to hope that there will be other occasions when I'm included in an international squad. I'm only 26."

Gallagher made his first team debut for Birmingham at 17 against Arsenal at Highbury, and has known plenty of ups and downs at St. Andrews since his

League baptism.

Following Birmingham's promotion in 1980, Joe has come to the conclusion that the First Division last season was not as good as it was during his club's spell in the top flight in the late 1970's, even though he praises some leading strikers.

"I don't think the quality in Division One is as high as it was three or four years ago, and as a centre-half, I find that modern strikers are more likely to avoid direct confrontation with defenders. They tend to play a little deeper.

"But there are exceptions, four front-runners who will have a tilt at centre-halves, Andy Gray, Paul Mariner, Peter Withe and Joe Jordan."

Never a player to shirk a challenge, the durable Gallagher confesses there is one ground in the country which fills him with misgivings whenever he visits it.

"Roker Park is unlucky for me. Over the last four years I've missed only one match in each season, yet if I'm going to get hurt, the chances are it will be at Sunderland.

'Concussed'

"My last three visits to the North-East have not lacked incident — in one game at Roker I was concussed and didn't finish the match, in another I got a knock on the ankle, and last season I was ruled out as unfit half-an-hour before kick-off."

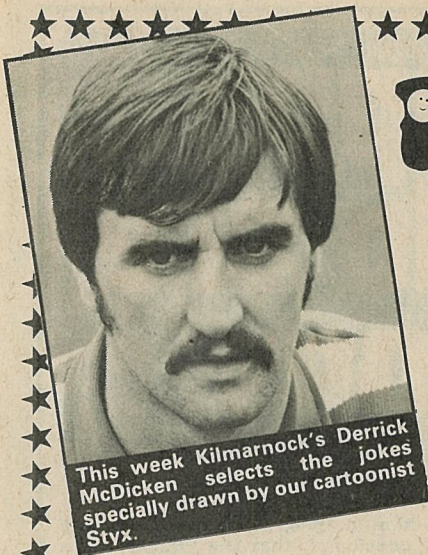
As a young "veteran", Joe has been in the game long enough to formulate his own ideas on what he will do when he hangs up his boots. And his ideas are definite — he will aim at becoming a soccer manager.

"I've already attended a Manager's School, and also hope to get my full coaching badge this year, though I intend to keep on playing until I'm 33 or 34.

"I study football from all angles and note the methods adopted by the top bosses, without saying I can emulate them! Brian Clough gains success with his positive approach, Bob Paisley through unrivalled commonsense, and Lawrie McMenemy impresses as a deep thinker on soccer. All three are great managers."

But there will be no thinking about football by Gallagher during the next few weeks.

He says: "I want a month of complete relaxation from the game. Then I'll be ready to look ahead to next season, and hope for better things for Birmingham."



This week Kilmarnock's Derrick McDicken selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

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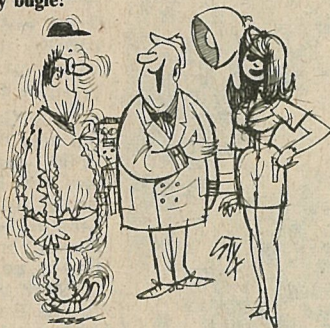


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"But I CAN'T play on Sunday, boss — I'm singing in the choir."



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Then the Real Madrid manager geed us up for the big one in Paris by calling us "veterans", a gibe he must now regret after we outlasted his Spanish "babes" on the glorious night of May 27th.

It was a Final test of nerve and stamina which unfortunately failed to produce a scintillating soccer spectacle. It came in for criticism from several quarters, and my only answer is — it takes two to make a game!

The Spaniards played a rigid man-for-man marking system which prevented free-flowing football.

Naturally we would have preferred to have completed our hat-trick of European Cup wins in a Final memorable for great football and high drama, such as our first win, against Borussia Moenchengladbach in Rome in 1977, but sadly it wasn't to be.

Though I'll say here and now, it was the hardest to win of all three Finals. In Rome we were on peak form, unstoppable; against Bruges at Wembley in 1978 the Belgians came only to defend in the hope of winning on penalties; but Real were well-organised with highly-skilful players and, although we started

'A hat-trick of European Cups — a British record'

well, we stumbled halfway through the first-half and surrendered the initiative. To our credit, we continued to battle hard.

Perhaps we'd been affected by a chain of unfortunate pre-match happenings. First, the coach arrived at our hotel three-quarters-of-an-hour late and at one time, snarled up in a traffic jam, we thought we'd be lucky to make kick-off.

Then the lights failed in the dressing-room for five minutes, while we were in the midst of changing studs and putting on kit.

Bad things invariably come in threes, and the third involved me. During the warm-up a shot from Kenny Dalglish struck a badly-filled rugby post hole just inside the six-yard box — the French play rugby in the Parc des Princes, too — and it shot up and hit me in the face!

My nose promptly started to bleed, and I began the game with it plugged with cotton wool.

At a half-time talk we decided on the tactic that eventually swung the Final our way. Real's front three had obviously been given the task of harrying our back-four to prevent them feeding the midfield, so our defenders were instructed to play possession football to keep their strikers chasing and wear them out.

World Class

My conviction that one goal — from us — would settle the issue came true in the 81st minute when left-back Alan Kennedy hit that shot on the run that any world class striker would have been proud of.

At the final whistle even those Liverpool players like me, with two European Cup medals at home, were almost in tears with joy. For young Sammy Lee the experience was overwhelming. His eyes were wide, his face glowing. His feet didn't touch the ground for hours.

It was a marvellous moment to savour. We'd set another milestone in Liverpool's history, repaid our staunch fans with Europe's premier trophy, and rebuffed those media critics who had written us off as a team that was too old.

In the dressing-room afterwards, Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy was amongst the first to congratulate us. One reason was because our win allowed his club a place in next season's U.E.F.A. Cup.

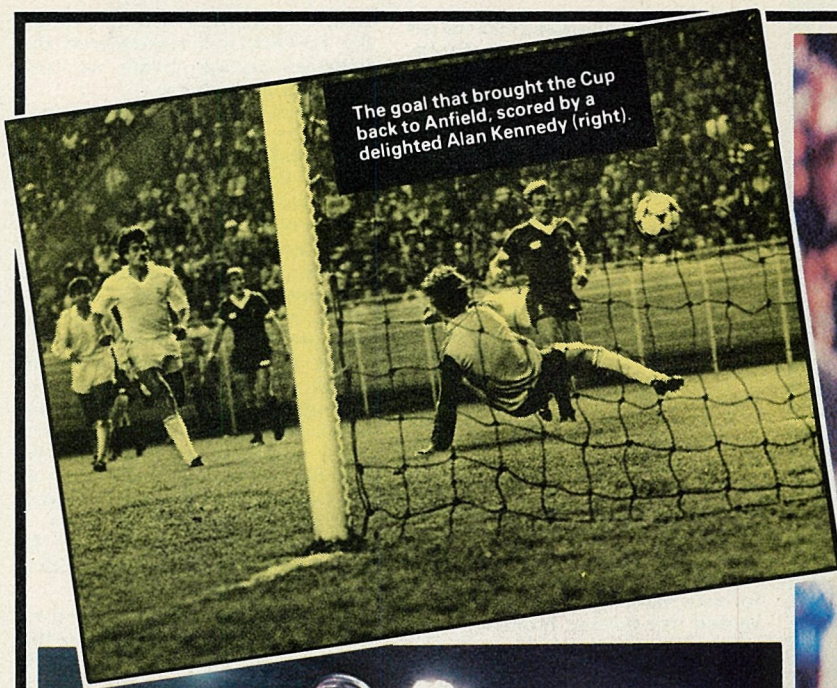
Celebrations included a party at our hotel, followed by a visit with our wives to the fabulous Lido. We took the Cup along, and after watching a sensational floor show, went backstage to meet the cast.

Unfortunately, four of us summoned for England duty missed the high spot of returning to Liverpool the following day with the trophy and parading through the streets on an open-topped bus.

That's an experience I want to share next year after we win the Cup for the fourth time.

Ray Clemence

'The hardest to win...'



The goal that brought the Cup back to Anfield, scored by a delighted Alan Kennedy (right).



Real dangerman Camacho poses problems for Alan Hansen.



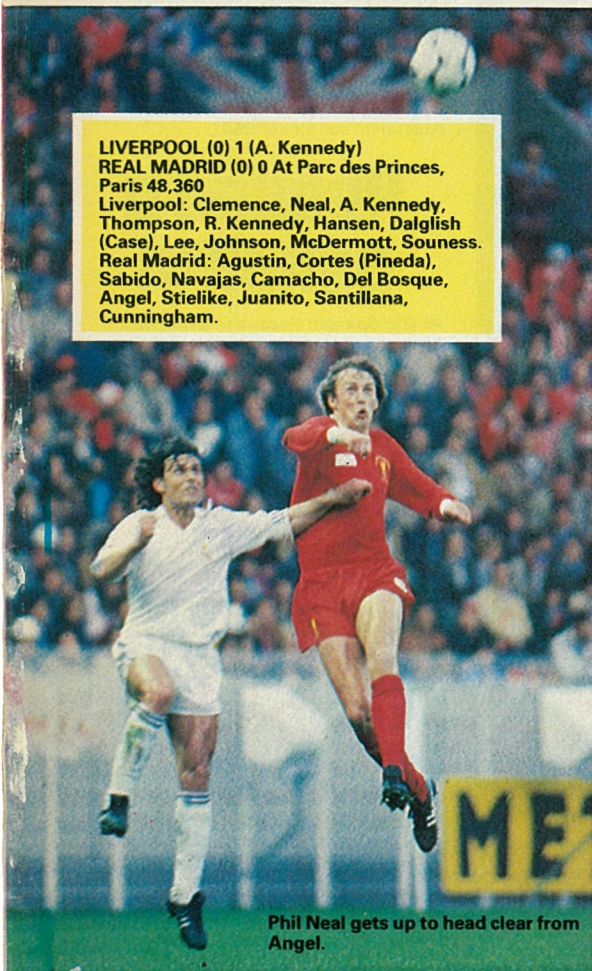
Super Scots Graeme Souness, Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen celebrate Liverpool's achievement of becoming the first British team to win the European Cup three times.

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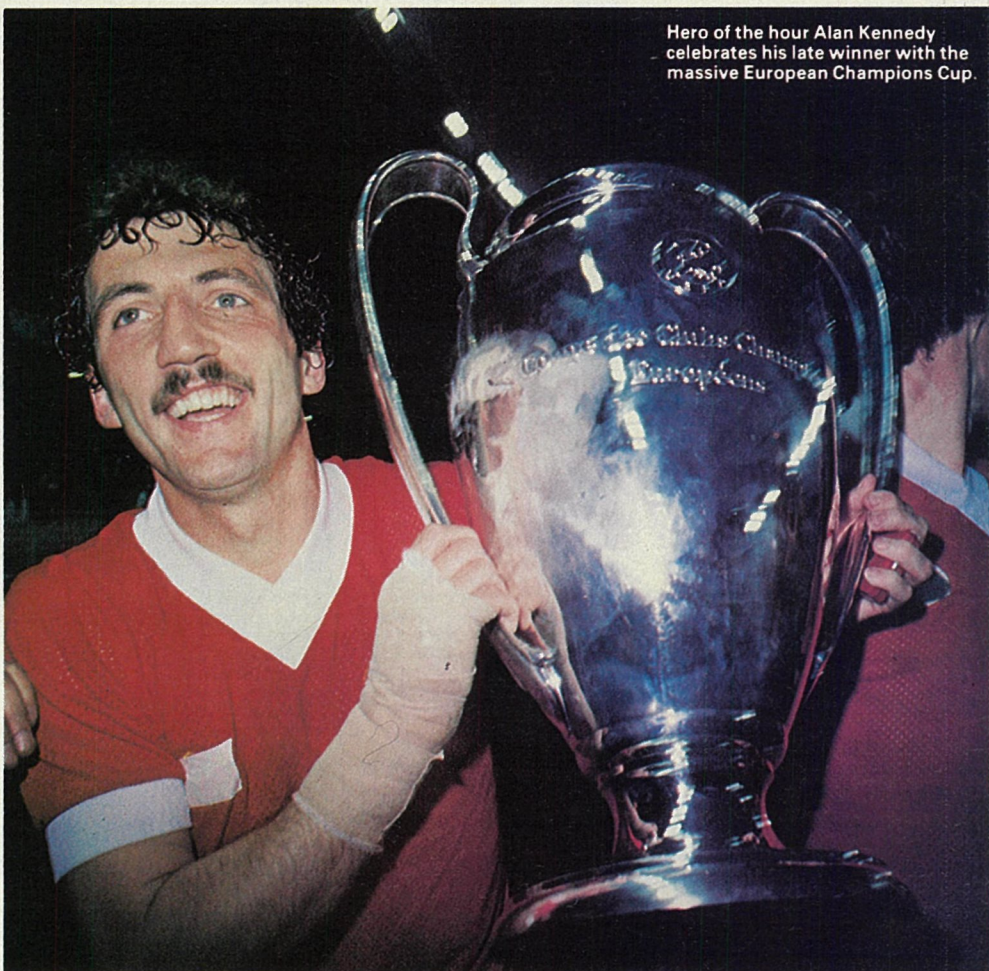


Real winger Laurie Cunningham is tackled by England team-mate Phil Neal.

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (A. Kennedy)
 REAL MADRID (0) 0 At Parc des Princes,
 Paris 48,360
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, A. Kennedy,
 Thompson, R. Kennedy, Hansen, Dalglish
 (Case), Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.
 Real Madrid: Agustin, Cortes (Pineda),
 Sabido, Navajas, Camacho, Del Bosque,
 Angel, Stielike, Juanito, Santillana,
 Cunningham.



Phil Neal gets up to head clear from Angel.



Hero of the hour Alan Kennedy celebrates his late winner with the massive European Champions Cup.

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Del Bosque surges through the gap left by Dalglish and Souness.



Santillana tries a shot, but is tackled by Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson.

SHOOT!

THE game in Sweden is in deep trouble.

Gates have fallen dramatically over the last two seasons and this year's Swedish F.A. Cup Final — played on a Thursday night — only attracted a pathetic 2,000 crowd.

For the first time in their history Kalmar FF are Cup winners, beating Elfsborg 4-0 in the final after a brilliant display.

Belgium think about sending-off for yellow card

THE Belgian F.A. is spending a small fortune keeping tabs on players who receive yellow cards, employing clerks to add up the penalty points.

Criticising the referee is 1½ points; ungentlemanly conduct 2; foul play 3; and when six points is reached the player is automatically suspended for one game.

To cut out the administrative work and keeping a chart on every single player, the F.A. proposes that when a player gets a yellow card his club should have to take him off and bring on a substitute.

With only two subs allowed this would help discipline because three yellow cards in one game would mean playing with ten men.

The Belgian referees are also keen on this because, unique in football, it is a panel of referees who sit on disciplinary committees in Belgium so that referees are at once, police, jury and judge.

ARGENTINES GOING HOME

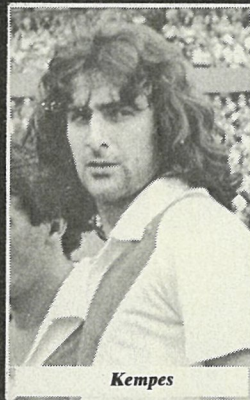
ARGENTINA is traditionally the world's leading exporter of soccer players, and their current manager, César Luis Menotti, often ruefully remarks that his country has exported four complete national teams to Europe in the last decade, as well as sending 'refugees' to most countries on the American continent.

But since Menotti's team grabbed the World Cup in 1978, wages in Argentina have rocketed, and many of the players who emigrated in search of fortune rather than fame have now turned their eyes back to Argentina — some because the difference in money was no longer enough to justify bringing up their families in a foreign country; and some because they simply couldn't adapt to a different style of football.

Anyway, just take a look at this list of top players who've returned from Europe to Argentina during the last couple of seasons:

Player	European Club	Now
Kempes	Valencia	River Plate
Tarantini	Birmingham City	River Plate
Carnevali	Las Palmas	Rosario Central
J. C. Heredia	Barcelona	River Plate
A. Heredia	At. Madrid/Paris SG	San Lorenzo
Ayala	At. Madrid	San Lorenzo
Brindisi	Las Palmas	Boca Juniors
Babington	SG Wattenscheid 09	Huracán
Trobbiani	Zaragoza	Boca Juniors
Guerini	Real Madrid	Talleres
Piazza	St. Etienne	Vélez Sarsfield
Bianchi	Strasbourg	Vélez Sarsfield
Wolff	Real Madrid	Free
Scotta	Sevilla	Ferro Carril Oeste
Marangoni	Sunderland	Huracán
Anzarda	Betis	Platense
Saccardi	Hercules	Ferro Carril Oeste
Gonzalez	At. Madrid	Quilmes

Incredibly, all but Marangoni, Saccardi and Gonzalez have represented Argentina at international level!



Kempes

LES SCHEINFLUG has taken over as manager of Australia's national team after the shock resignation of super-controversial Rudi Gutendorf. The change-over was sparked off by Australia's World Cup defeat in Sydney by New Zealand. The 0-2 shock result was the first victory for the Kiwis on Australian soil since 1954.

Headed a penalty!

IN THE Spanish Second Division match between promotion-chasing Elche and Alavés, the visitors were surprisingly winning 2-1 with only nine minutes remaining. Then Elche equalised, and with four minutes to go, they were awarded a penalty.

The local radio commentator got so excited that he announced "he's running up to take the penalty... AND HE'S SCORED WITH A SENSATIONAL HEADER!"

Please, whatever you do, don't try this one!

Barcelona robbed in Mexico

BARCELONA had a miserable start to their Mexican tour. Not only were they thrashed 3-1 in the Aztec Stadium by Cruz Azul, but when they got back to their hotel they found that all their rooms had been ransacked and that over £6,000 in cash had disappeared.

The worst sufferer was Barcelona's Danish striker Allan Simonsen (below), who barely recovered from a bad stomach upset in time for the kick-off; finished the game groggy after receiving a tremendous shot full in the face; and then found that his wallet containing £1,000 was among the items stolen from the hotel.



PAUL BRIGHT-NER!

BAYERN MUNICH have been experimenting with some American-style cheer-leaders to brighten the game. Paul Breitner seems to be enjoying it — and so do Bayern, who successfully retained the Bundesliga title.



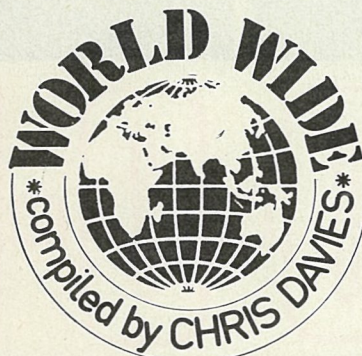
MORE World Cup problems in the north of Spain, where work on modernising the San Mames stadium in Bilbao still hasn't begun, even though it was originally scheduled to get under way in July, 1980.

The problems now centre on a demand by the Bilbao local authority that the club should provide £1,300,000 for the construction of a new car park adjacent to the stadium.

The club can't raise the cash overnight; construction work is still paralysed; and experts are worried that the programme to add 10,000 seats to the stadium's 42,000 capacity may not now be feasible.

Meanwhile, the directors of Atlético Madrid were surprised to be informed that F.I.F.A. President Joao Havelange would be leading a team of officials on a visit to their Vicente Calderon stadium 'to inspect modernisation work being carried out prior to the 1982 World Cup'.

"It seems a bit strange," admitted Atlético president Alfonso Cabeza, "because construction work has not yet started."



SPANISH club Sporting Gijón are still waiting to see Portuguese international Fernando Gomes in action... a year after they signed him from FC Porto! After a whole season of treatment on a damaged Achilles tendon, he's now undergone a further operation — this time in Cologne, with German specialist Dr Schneider wielding the scalpel.

News flashes

● Atletico Marte are the new Champions of El Salvador, but only 6,000 fans saw the clincher in their stadium which holds 70,000.

● The 36 Italian First and Second Division clubs have debts totalling £60 million.

● F.I.F.A. will decide by the end of June where the 1990 World Cup Finals will be held. Yugoslavia, France and Holland/Belgium (they would share it) have applied.

● Attendances are up in the Soviet Union. After four rounds of the League programme 920,000 fans had seen the 36 games, an increase of 190,000 on last year. However, there were fewer goals — 65 compared with 79.

● Gianpiero Boniperti, president of Liam Brady's Juventus, is a very good... kisser! So delighted was he when Juve beat Torino, Boniperti threw his arms around Sandro Pertini, the Italian president — and kissed him. "Even my wife has never kissed me that passionately," joked Pertini.

● Franco Marzoni, 38, is an Italian referee, which

isn't very special. He's been in charge of over 300 games, which isn't too much to write home about. But Signor Marzoni happens to be... a monk.

● Ernst Happel (55), currently manager of Standard Liege in Belgium, has signed a two-year contract to take over Hamburger SV.

● Borussia Mönchengladbach are having to tighten their belts with smaller attendances this season and plan to cut their squad of players to 19. Their Danish star Carsten Neilsen has agreed terms with RC Strasbourg, the French club who were Champions three years ago.

THE much-maligned Alan Rough has a better record at Wembley than English superstar Kevin Keegan.

Partick Thistle's goalkeeper has never been on the losing side there. He has played at Wembley twice in the past four years and has emerged victorious on both occasions.

The ground that has been a graveyard for other Scottish 'keepers — Frank Haffey, Fred Martin, Jim Herriot, Stewart Kennedy and George Wood to name a few — holds no fears for Rough.

"When we won 1-0 against England recently I became the first Scottish 'keeper to keep a clean sheet at Wembley since the War," says the highly likeable Rough.

"In fact, the only other time a Scottish 'keeper didn't concede a goal there was way back in the

suppose the main thing was to get a victory and we managed to hold on for both points.

"Now I'm delighted to have won again at Wembley. I really love playing there. The atmosphere is incredible and if you can't play at Wembley then you can't play anywhere."

But how does he react to the criticism that has come his way from cynics, mainly from South of the border?

"It used to bother me, but I don't worry about it now," says Rough, who has won more full caps than any other Scottish 'keeper.

"Bob Wilson has had a go at me and he should know what he is talking about. After all, he won two full caps for Scotland, didn't he!"

Rough, who lives with his model wife Michelle and family in a cottage on the outskirts of Glasgow, smiles when he delivers that last

RECORD-BREAKING ROUGH TOPS KEEGAN

30's where a chap named Dave Cumming, of Middlesbrough, performed the feat.

"The other time I played at Wembley I was only minutes away from another clean sheet when the referee awarded England a penalty-kick.

"That was four years ago and we were winning 2-0 at the time with goals from Gordon McQueen and Kenny Dalglish. I'm still adamant that was never a penalty-kick.

"I was fuming at the time, but I



Rough clears from England's Trevor Francis at Wembley.



line, but who can blame him for hitting back?

"I remember Malcolm Allison also having his say a few years ago," says Rough. "He criticised me, but I must say I can't remember Malcolm ever watching me play for Partick Thistle."

"If he was going by those swift snaps you see on the television then they are hardly designed to show a goalkeeper at his best. But the snipers can continue having a go at me. It won't bother me in the slightest."

Rough was a popular winner of the Scottish Player of the Year award during the season and he says: "It was marvellous to get that title. It means so much to me."



YOU ARE THE REF

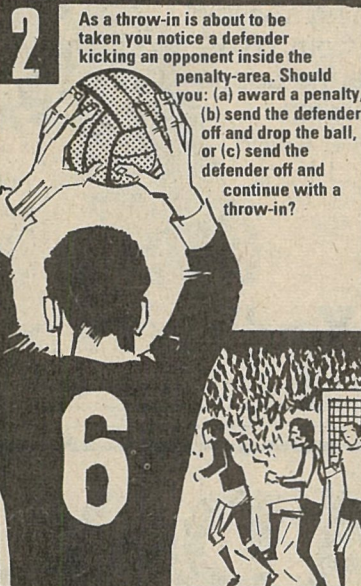
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1 Before the second-half of a game kicks off, you send a player off for swearing. The

captain asks if his side may bring on a substitute as the game has not yet restarted. Should you allow his request?



2 As a throw-in is about to be taken you notice a defender kicking an opponent inside the penalty-area. Should you: (a) award a penalty, (b) send the defender off and drop the ball, or (c) send the defender off and continue with a throw-in?



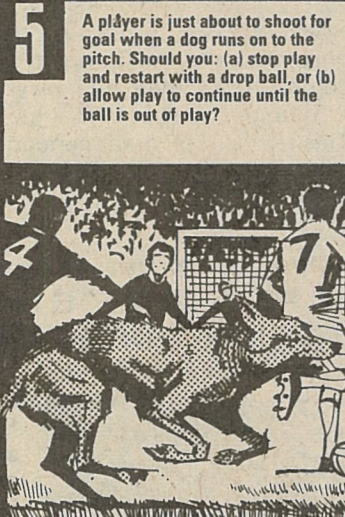
3 You stop play to caution a player for dissent. From the free-kick the ball goes straight into the goal. Should you: (a) award a goal, (b) award a goal-kick, or (c) have the kick retaken?



4 You stop play to allow a goalkeeper to receive treatment, but when you go to restart you notice the ball is in the net. Should you (a) award a goal, (b) award a goal-kick, or (c) drop the ball?



5 A player is just about to shoot for goal when a dog runs on to the pitch. Should you: (a) stop play and restart with a drop ball, or (b) allow play to continue until the ball is out of play?



ANSWERS

1. No. 2. Send the defender off and continue with a throw-in (c). 3. A goal-kick (b). 4. Drop the ball (c). 5. Stop play and restart with a drop ball (a). During the Welsh Cup Final, Swansea's Leighon James was just outside the Hereford area when a dog ran across the pitch. I immediately stopped play, and Leighon shouted: "Clive, that was my only chance to score!" I replied: "Surely you don't need a dog to help you!"

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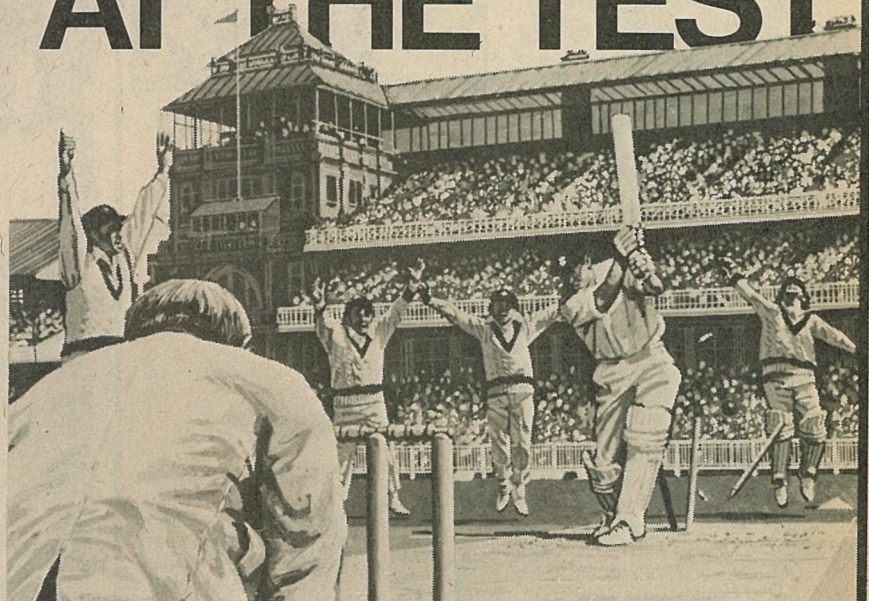
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CAN SWANSEA AND NOTTS COUNTY SURVIVE IN THE FIRST?

IT'S a whole new world around the corner! That is the message from Leighton James as Swansea City's players and supporters anticipate the First Division for the first time in the history of the West Wales club.

The Vetch Field is buzzing with excitement. Every day the queue for season tickets seems to grow longer; the players — many of whom have climbed from the Fourth Division to First under the managerial inspiration of John Toshack — find any excuse to call in at the ground just to experience the atmosphere.

For top scorer and Wales

'We have the skill'

— Leighton James

match-winner James, it will be his fourth time in the First Division.

First there was promotion with Burnley; then a move to reigning Champions Derby County; next a switch to Queens Park Rangers.

"It is the same today as it has always been; the greatest test of a player's ability," he says.

"If you can hold your own in the First, it goes without saying that you can be a success in any League in the world. But, until you try, you simply don't know how you will measure up.

"For those players like Robbie James, Jeremy Charles, Nigel Stevenson, Wyndham Evans, David Giles, Brian Attley and Dudley Lewis, it will be a question of learning fast.

"There is no doubt that they have the ability in terms of pace and skill — but coming into the First Division for the first time is all down to gaining experience . . . and gaining it quickly."

Robbie James, Charles and Giles are all internationals; the others have all shared with credit in F.A. Cup and League Cup duels against the top sides.

"Everyone of those was a one off match. We are not talking about raising yourself to face Liverpool or Arsenal in one or two big showpiece games during a season; we are talking about Liverpool this Saturday, Arsenal in midweek, Tottenham the following week, then Manchester United, next Aston Villa . . . and so

on. It is a vastly different matter.

"This is something that fans have to appreciate as well. For the first time in the tremendous last few years of the Swansea success story, we are going to be facing sides better than us."

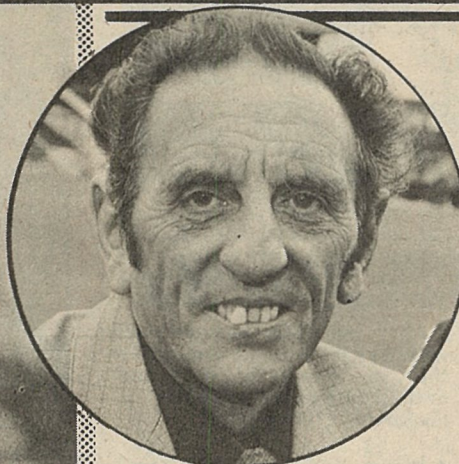
The Vetch Field will never have seen a season to compare with the one ahead and James has no doubts that the club is geared to face every challenge. "The attitude and the approach are right. There is this driving ambition to succeed," he confirms.

World class

The club's outlook mirrors his own. He is a player of world class who, until he gained his Welsh Cup winners medal recently, had only a Second Division Championship medal with Burnley as evidence of his talent. "That has been the big disappointment of my career," he confesses.

Now comes probably his finest ever chance to 'win something'. Swansea's aggressive ambition and the Liverpool-style atmosphere that Toshack has generated within the club have united the players in their search for glory.

"I just hope that the knowledge I've picked up over the years can help the younger players. If it does, and a year or two from now we are up there with the best of them, that will be the best of all rewards."



'Top League will improve us'

— Jimmy Sirrel

pitfalls and our only disappointment was that our gates remained terrible.

"There is always room for improvement in any team and we recognise the need to strengthen our playing staff. We feel we need a couple of players, and the money will be found to buy them."

Manager Sirrel has provided no clues as to his likely targets but the success of the club's record signing — £200,000 Yugoslav goalkeeper Raddy Avramovic — could prompt him to look for another Continental bargain.

'Challenge'

Said Sirrel: "A whole new world has opened in front of us and we will be ready to meet the challenge. People in Nottingham have been saying for years that we didn't want promotion but we've proved them wrong."

And Sirrel who, like John Toshack, has joined the exclusive clique of managers who have taken clubs from the Fourth Division to the First, achieved his latest success with the help of seven regular players under 25.

"We have basically a young team with a lot of experience and hopefully they can only get better playing in the top League against the best," he added.

MASSON COMEBACK?

IT remains to be seen whether the influential Don Masson will return from America to lead Notts County into the First Division.

As promised, his reward for helping to achieve promotion was a free transfer and once the mission was accomplished, he immediately set off to join Minnesota Kicks.

His parting shot was: "I'll be back . . . if I'm wanted."

"I was determined to prove my ability in the First Division when I moved to Queens Park Rangers and if the Notts lads have the same attitude, I don't think they will have too many problems."

"Obviously it's different — I would be stupid to say otherwise. But I honestly believe that with the type of players they have and the style of play, they will be well equipped for the First Division."

"People like Pedro Richards, Paul Hooks, Tristan Benjamin and Iain McCulloch could be a revelation next season and it would be nice to see them getting the recognition their ability deserves."



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

European Cup Final

Liverpool played Real Madrid recently in the European Cup Final. Can you answer the following questions about the game?

1. Were the match officials in Paris from East Germany, Rumania or Hungary?

2. Ray Kennedy, Graeme Souness or Alan Hansen was the only Liverpool player booked in the Final?

3. Alan Kennedy (below, dark strip) was the hero with the only goal of the game. Was it his first, second or third European Cup goal for Liverpool in 1980-81?

4. Was it scored in the 61st, 71st or 81st minute of the game?

5. Is it true that Liverpool manager Bob Paisley became the first boss to win three European Cups?



Managers

1. John Neal was recently appointed manager of Chelsea in succession to Geoff Hurst. He resigned from Middlesbrough at the end of last season . . . but with which club did he begin his managerial career?

2. Another casualty was Gerry Summers. Which club did he leave?

3. Who guided Queen's Park to the Scottish Second Division Championship last season?

4. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of one of Britain's top managers . . . HNOJSKTACOH (NAAESWS).

5. Jim McLean and Willie McLean are managers in Scotland. Do you know which clubs they manage?

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Trace A Team

The names of 12 past of present Grimsby Town players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?

True or False?



1. Leicester City play their home games at Filbert Street.

2. Dave Sexton is the 12th manager of Coventry City since the last War.

3. Brighton's Gerry Ryan (left) is a Northern Ireland international player.

4. Sheffield United will be in the Fourth Division next season for the first time in their history.

5. Dunfermline Athletic's home ground is Bayview Park.

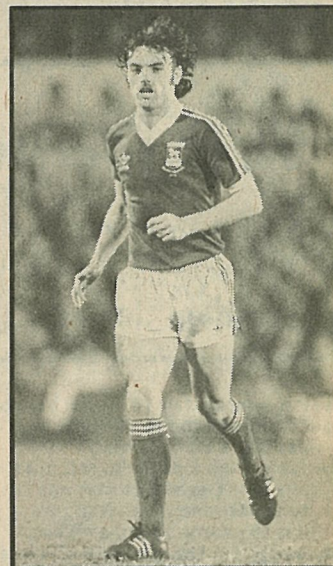
Odd one out

1. Which one of these players is not a recognised goalkeeper — Alan Judge (Luton Town), Bob Bolder (Sheffield Wednesday) or Derek Fazackerley (Blackburn Rovers)?

2. John Wark (right, Ipswich Town), Gerry Armstrong (Watford) and Jim Platt (Middlesbrough) are international players . . . which one is not a Northern Ireland international?

3. Wigan Athletic, Wimbledon and York City are Football League clubs but which one will not be playing in the Fourth Division next season?

4. Which one of these clubs — Norwich City, Liverpool, and Huddersfield Town — has not won the F.A. Cup?



ANSWERS:

MANAGERS: 1. Wrexham. 2. Gillingham. 3. Eddie Hunter. 4. John Toshack. Kilmore. Waters, Mitchell, Ford, Broily, Liddell, Moore, Wigginton, Stone, Cumming, TRACE-A-TEAM. Wainman, Batch, Wark. 3. Wimbledon. 4. Norwich. ODD ONE OUT. 1. Fazackerley. 2. and Avr Utd. (Willie). (Swansea). 5. Dundee United (Jim).

ON THE BALL

ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (2) Platt. (4) Colin Todd. (8) Beck. (9) Snow. (11) Hooks. (14) Macari. (15) Albion. (17) Screw. (20) Road. (22) Toss. (23) Stapleton. (27) Locke.

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DOUBLE-DUTCH TALK-IN WITH THIJSSSEN AND MUHREN

Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren have had a major influence on one of Ipswich Town's most successful seasons in their history. The two Dutch midfield masters have been key factors in helping Bobby Robson create a team of style and success.

But what do Thijssen and Muhren really think about English football? What do they particularly like about the game, what things don't they like?

This exclusive feature reveals some intriguing thoughts from both players. Thoughts about the quality of English football, England's World Cup prospects, the crowds, and their own futures.

I SUPPOSE the reaction of people in England to a slight reduction in the number of people watching football in this country is not surprising, but it is nowhere near as bad as in Holland.

It is right that people should be worried in Holland. There, gates have become so small that it is a serious problem. Clubs cannot afford to pay the wages of the top stars so what hope is there for the game in Holland? Things are nothing like as bad as that in England.

Your football is exciting and there is plenty of goalmouth action. If that continues, I believe you will still attract enough people to the games. Of course, crowds are not as high as they were some years ago but that is true everywhere. People have other interests and it is to be expected.

Travelling is the worst thing about football in England. There is much more than in Holland, where the furthest away game means only two hours in the coach. But here, it is much further to go and that is the thing I dislike most about the English game.

Harder

The mid-season break is another thing which I much prefer in Holland. Here, of course, there is no space for it so it makes the season much harder for the players.

There are many more games to play in English football, and that is not something I like. But the only solution is to play into May or June and that is not a good idea. However, our programme for the last two months of the season was far too much with all those games.

Despite recent results, I believe the future is bright for English international football. You have many good players and many more players to choose from than in Holland. Yet Holland reached the last two World Cup Finals; it is strange.

Perhaps England would do better if they kept the team together much more. I am surprised by how many changes are made all the time to the national side. I believe it should be picked and then settled, so that team understanding can be created. If that is done and England can get a settled side I believe they can do well.

I really enjoy my football here and am pleased I will stay especially after our UEFA Cup triumph.

'I like a
mid-season
break'
-THIJSSSEN

'Amazed how
little I touch
the ball'
-MUHREN



I NOTICED straightaway that both sides in an English match are much more attack minded than I had believed. That surprised me more than anything. English football is good to watch and good to play in, and it's because of that attitude, I'm sure.

Another thing which surprised me was how little a player touches the ball in English soccer. I was wondering what I was doing wrong when I first joined Ipswich. I wasn't touching the ball for long periods in the game because of the English style; it was strange for me after Dutch football.

You have the ball much more in football on the Continent, and it takes a while to adapt to the different style.

The lack of patience within the English game is not something I like. Often players give the ball away too quickly, and unnecessarily. In Holland, players have more patience with the ball and there is not the pressure from the crowds to get the ball upfield so quickly.

But the worst thing about the game in England is the travelling. I am like Frans — I am not used to sitting in a coach for very long.

Problem

The future for English international football depends upon team selection. England's problem, I believe, is in finding the correct blend. Sometimes, England play with a midfield which is full of attacking players, and they suffer accordingly in defence. You need the right balance and England have not always had that.

I believe, too, England should play a sweeper — the role is vital in modern day football. Without a sweeper, there is too much space at the back and an attacker can go through the whole defence if he beats his marker.

Crowds are the major difference in football between England and Holland. It is much better for the player here, compared to Holland. The atmosphere is livelier, and it helps a player. Here, players are playing for the crowds.

There is a strong possibility that I will leave English football at the end of next season. By then, I shall finish my contract with Ipswich and I would like to go home after that.

Not because I don't like it here but because my children will not be able to write Dutch if they stay with an English school for too long. That is the only reason.

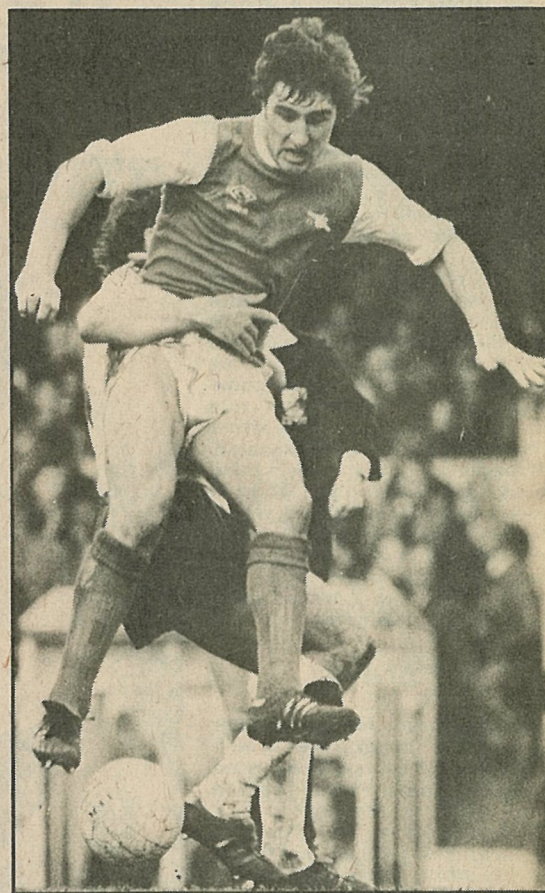


Crystal Palace defender Jim Cannon is clearly not too delighted with Wolves winger Mel Eves (left). The aggression shows on the face of Manchester United's big striker Joe Jordan as he is held back by Spurs full-back Chris Hughton (right). The tensions of a big Sheffield derby show as United's John McPhail grabs Wednesday's John Lowey (below), while Arsenal midfielder Brian Talbot gets a helping hand from an over-keen opponent at Highbury (right).



A no-holds-barred look at the more physical side of the English game, featuring some of the top stars of soccer taking a hold on the opposition in the literal sense of the word!

GETTING TO GRIPS





HEY, CHEEKY!

Lou Macari loves to score goals that no one expects

ENGLISH soccer could use a few more spectacular goals. That's the view of Manchester United's cheeky happy Lou Macari.

His televised back heeler against West Brom in April seen by millions (captured in our picture above) will go down as one of the cheekiest goals of the season.

Little Lou takes great delight whenever the ball hits the back of the net, but when it's a gamble that pays off it means double delight for the tiny tartan terror.

"If there's a chance of goal I'll bang it in anyway I can," said the ex-Celtic star.

"And if it's an effort like the one against West Brom then you can't lose — whether it goes in or not.

"If it goes in, it's a terrific goal. If it misses it's a good effort. But they're always spur of the moment attempts, very few are set pieces.

"With my goal, I could see Mike Duxbury was going to have a go, but when he hit it the ball came off his boot badly and was spinning.

"It came straight at me. I had to decide whether to turn and hit it, in which case I would have lost it, because there was a West Brom defender on my back, or to flick it on.

"I knew I was a long way out so I just hit it as hard as I could with my heel.

"It was the last thing anyone expected, so nobody even moved to stop it."

But the time when cheeky goals were part of the afternoon's entertainment has passed.

"It's a case of either out and out entertainers like Rodney Marsh and Duncan McKenzie, or players who just want to win no matter how unspectacular the play.

"We have no entertainers with the will to win, and that's what we need.

"A few Continental players and South Americans playing in England come somewhere near what I mean, but they're completely different players anyway.

"I think most teams would rather win every match 1-0 and end up Champions than entertain and lose.

"But the general public love a cheeky goal so if there's a chance most players will knock in a spectacular half chance.

"But there'll never be another set of Charltons, Bests or Laws. They were the entertainers who had a will to win.

"I remember I was once compared to Denis Law... that's a real honour."

It was a Goodison Park goal that was hardly cheeky but definitely spectacular that brought about that ranking.

"The ball came across at me on the edge of the box and I had my back to the net. I chested it down, flicked it up with my left foot and overhead kicked it from 22 yards. I took fantastic delight in that one."

Lou doesn't like to be tagged an entertainer.

'Spectacular'

"Some players are 100 per cent entertainment and cheeky goals. To me winning is what it's all about. But if I can make it spectacular or cheeky while I am winning, then I'll do it.

"But in the main part it's all down to the team's attitude. Some teams are system teams and are just not geared to cheeky and spectacular play, Liverpool for instance. Then there are the teams who cram in the crowds because they're such a bunch of entertainers nobody knows what's going to happen.

"But these skill-reliant players are always short lived."

Rodney Marsh, George Best, Gordon Hill and Duncan McKenzie are just a few of the star names to have faded from the glamour of big time soccer.

"I'd like to see a few more cheeky, spectacular and all-for-winning players from the days of Charlton and Best."

One man Lou rates as being half way there is United colleague Ray Wilkins.

"He'll often have a cheeky go at goal. One in particular I remember from the European Championship was a lob over the 'keeper's head against Belgium."

That goal for Lou sums up what soccer should be like: unpredictable, exciting and a bumper package of cheeky goals in every action packed game.



NEXT WEEK...

We invite you to go

ON TOUR WITH ENGLAND

a unique behind-the-scenes look at the squad on World Cup duty in Switzerland and Hungary.

New boss Howard Kendall taking a tough line at Everton.

Is Villa's Kenny Swain England's top number two?

How Dai Davies became Wales' record-breaking 'keeper.



The Phil Thompson Story — in pictures. The Liverpool skipper's rise to fame.

Ray Stewart — Scotland's smash hit.

Campaign Cavalcade — the start of a fascinating month-by-month look back at the 1980-81 season.

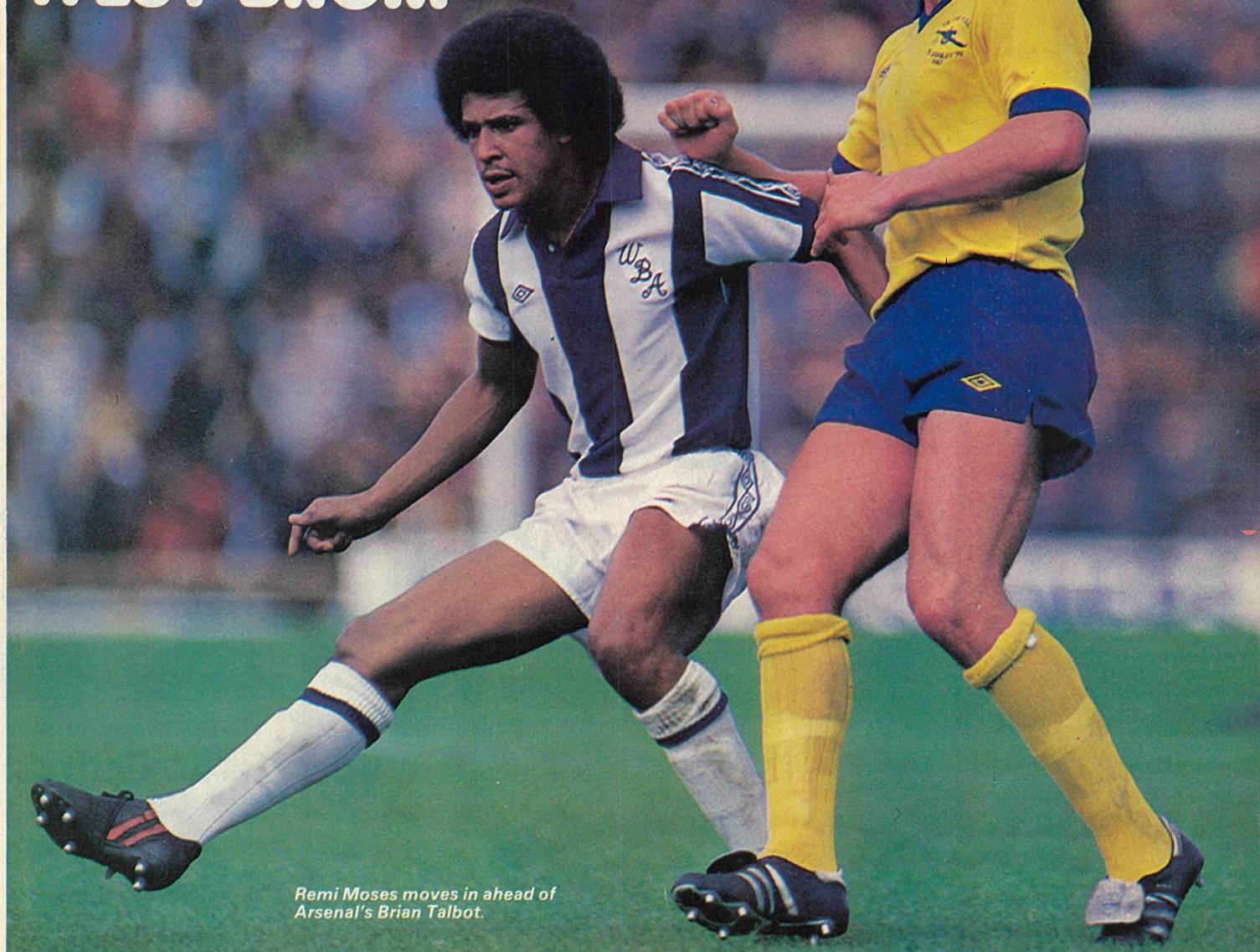
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World Cup action + John Hollins (Arsenal) + Focus on Mike Doyle (Stoke) + Trevor Francis (Nottm. Forest).

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FOCUS ON **Remi Moses** WEST BROM



Remi Moses moves in ahead of Arsenal's Brian Talbot.

FULL NAME: Remi Moses
BIRTHPLACE: Manchester
BIRTHDATE: November 14, 1960
HEIGHT: 5ft 6ins
WEIGHT: 10st 4lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Club car, Cortina Mark 4
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Express
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Derek Statham
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Martyn Bennett
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Manchester United and Preston
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Johnny Giles
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Table tennis and snooker

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Asa Hartford (Everton)
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My League debut v Crystal Palace
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Manchester City in the League Cup
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Everton
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Steak, fresh fruit juice
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Music, Gardening
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Spain
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR: Clint Eastwood
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Going home to Manchester to visit my family
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Richard Prior, the late Bob Marley, Millie Jackson
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Drive to

Manchester for the weekend
BEST FRIENDS: Raymond Saunders, Tom Corless, Brien O'Neill
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Ron Atkinson, Mick Brown and Tom Corless
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under 21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and successful
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Mechanic
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Pele

Remi Moses